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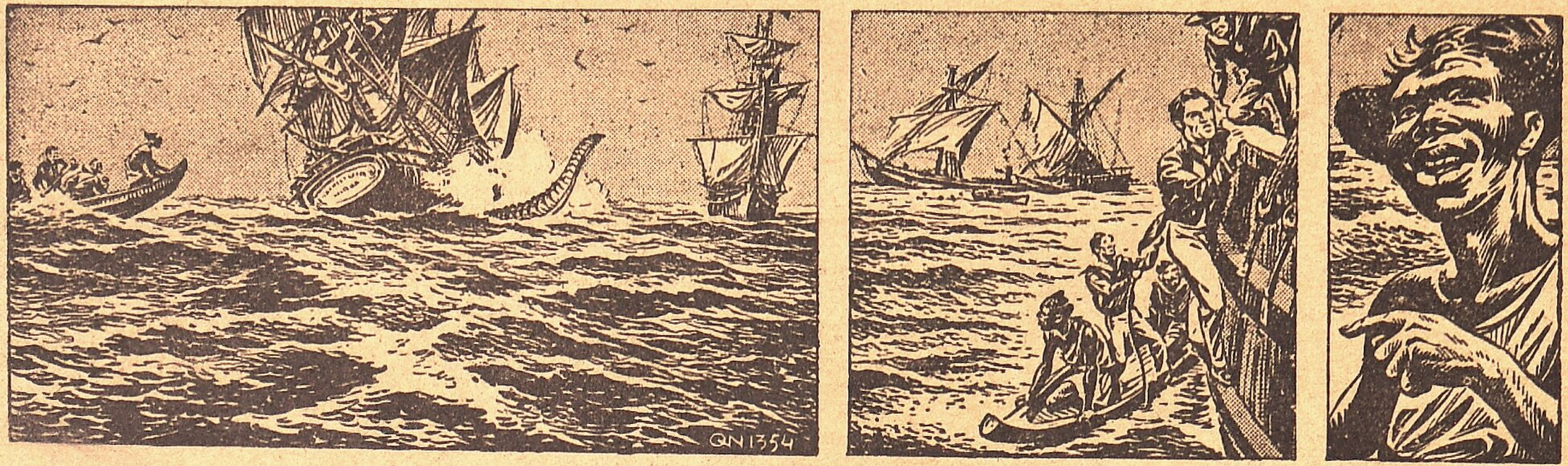
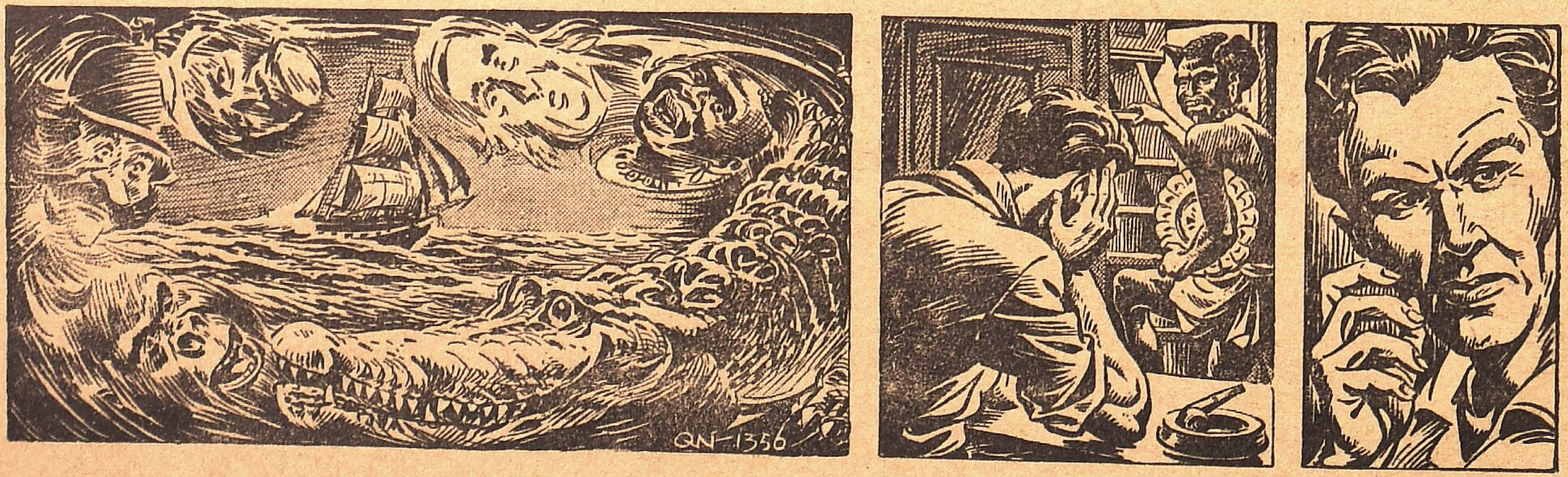
THE BLACK SORCERER—25.

From a negro magician, adventurer Rob learns the story of the slave trade that was clandestinely being carried on by Monghoe Joe, whom Captain Pilar, ordered him to pursue and arrest. When Rob is about to be crowned with success in his efforts, Joe makes a dash for escape. At this critical juncture, the magician comes to Rob's rescue, by instructing a crocodile to smash the "Baracuda."—Now read on.



The crocodile dives under the keel of the "Baracuda," the ship is lifted high up out of the water and bounces back again and with its tail the monster smashes the ship to bits. The masts go overboard, the topmast breaks and big holes are knocked in the hull. The crew jumps overboard and is taken on board the "Napoleon," where the slave dealers are put in chains. Robert climbs on board the "Napoleon" too and takes over command again. The Poroh chief, taking leave from Robert, asks him whether he may have the wreck of the "Baracuda." Robert gives his assent.

Robert has won a complete victory. Monghoe Joe and his friend Heinz Knarr will be dealt with according to law. Heinz Knarr tries to bribe Robert to let him off: "I offer you as ransom a very valuable golden dish," he says, "which is worth about £5,000. It is in the cabin of my ship." Robert is startled. He has given the wreck to the Poroh chief, but did he have any right to do so? Robert peeps out to see whether he can still discover the ship.. But the crocodile had already dragged it to a shoal, and there it lies, inaccessible.



Rob, who had watched the development of the slave story in the circles of water in the golden plate, sits dizzily in the cabin of the "Freedom." The images turn vague and get mixed up. He does not notice that the negro chieftain removes the plate and stealthily sneaks away. Slowly he recovers his senses. He notices that the ship rocks strongly and he hears the roaring of the surge. He jumps up. The "Freedom" is stranded. But where is that negro. And where is his dog Skip? Robert rushes up the stairs, and happily, there is Skip on a bank, but the negro is nowhere to be seen.

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TEXTILE TYCOONS OF COIMBATORE

Coimbatore stands today as the biggest centre of the textile industry in the South boasting the greatest number of Mills. Here in this interesting article the author throws the spotlight on the "Manchester of the South" and on the big bosses that run this key industry.

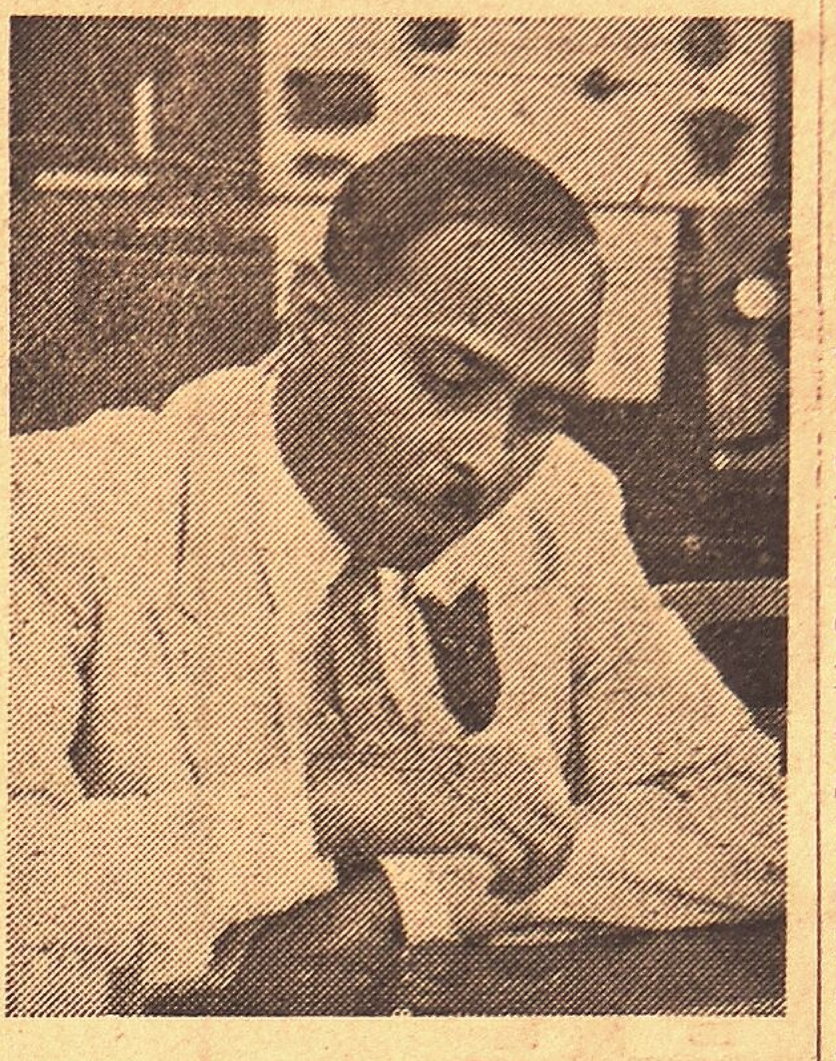
The Textile Tycoons of Coimbatore are a class by themselves, like New York's "Four Hundred". They are an interesting type of people who live in a world all their own, generally paying little or no heed to what is happening around them in India or the world. Still, they are "men of the world", in one sense. Their life and living is a study by itself to the casual visitor to Coimbatore.

They are mostly Khamma Naidus, Chettiars of various tribes, Mudaliars who migrated from Conjeevaram, Salem or Erode. The Khammas are said to have come to Coimbatore three or four generations ago from Guntur and Chittoor Districts, fearing Muslim persecution of which they heard from the North. The others are seekers of fortunes from one place to another. Many of them had humble beginnings, but today some of them have enough money to burn!

Pioneering Peasants

In the whole of India, we have about 423 textile mills, both spinning and weaving. Of them, eighty are situated in the Madras State. Coimbatore District has thirty-six. Most of them are in the hands of Khamma Naidus, one is owned by the family of Dr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, another by the family of the late Mr. V. C. Vellingiri Gounder, another by the family of Mr. C. S. Ratnasabapathy Mudaliar, one is in the hands of a European combine, three are owned by Nattukottai Chettiars. Generally, when you refer to the Textile Tycoons of Coimbatore, you only mean the Khamma Mill-owners.

They were pioneering peasants, to begin with. They cultivated cotton, tobacco, millets, maize and rice and prospered. Then, with the coming of the Pykara Electrification Scheme (thanks to the farsightedness of Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyer) they turned industrialists by establishing textile mills. Today, they have a unique position in India, in as much as they are both industrial-



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ists and agriculturists. The vast profits they make out of the mills they invest on land. The returns from the land, they invest in turn on industrial enterprises. Thus, they are blessed with a two-fold source of prosperity. If the one fails in a year, they could always bank upon the other.

Fine People

The Khamma Naidus are a fine type of people. I had the privilege of knowing some of them, of a previous generation. A few of them are happily alive even today. They are staunch Vaishnavites, very religious, good mannered, strict observers of our ancient traditions dignified and decent in their dealings with people. They had a heart for the poor, and the wealth in their hands was always given freely to the good of the community. The late Mr. G. Kuppuswamy Naidu, the late Mr. Rangaswamy Naidu, Mr. V. Gopal Naidu, Mr. V. Rangaswamy Naidu are some of the remarkable old-timers who come in this class.

Today, their sons and grandsons are carrying on the family textile business the elders established. Many of these younger Khammas are educated in England in textile technology. Most of them have travelled abroad extensively. Like Marwari youths, they have a shrewd business sense, are good at earning money in their chosen callings. Beyond that, life does not seem to hold much of a meaning for them!

What is it that they do? For one thing, six months is the time limit for a particular make of automobile in the hands of a younger mill tycoon in Coimbatore. They go on changing cars until they exhaust the full list of Britain and U. S. made autos. And, each tycoon owns at least half a dozen cars. Secondly, they build palace-like homes and furnish them, even beating the standards of May Fair mansions. They maintain rich tables at home. They entertain their friends lavishly, have an interest in sports and almost all of them play Rummy cards game, stakes at times running to four-figures. They are fond of travel too. They believe in seasonal visits to places of interest. For instance, they are at Ooty in the summer, at Courtallam in the late summer and visit Madras in Christmas week. Only in their dress, they are very much Indian. They wear a dhoty and shirt, now-a-days a bush-coat. They have a firm community tide, that they do not inter-marry. The only exception was that of a youngman studying in England getting married to a white-girl, some years ago.

Epicureans

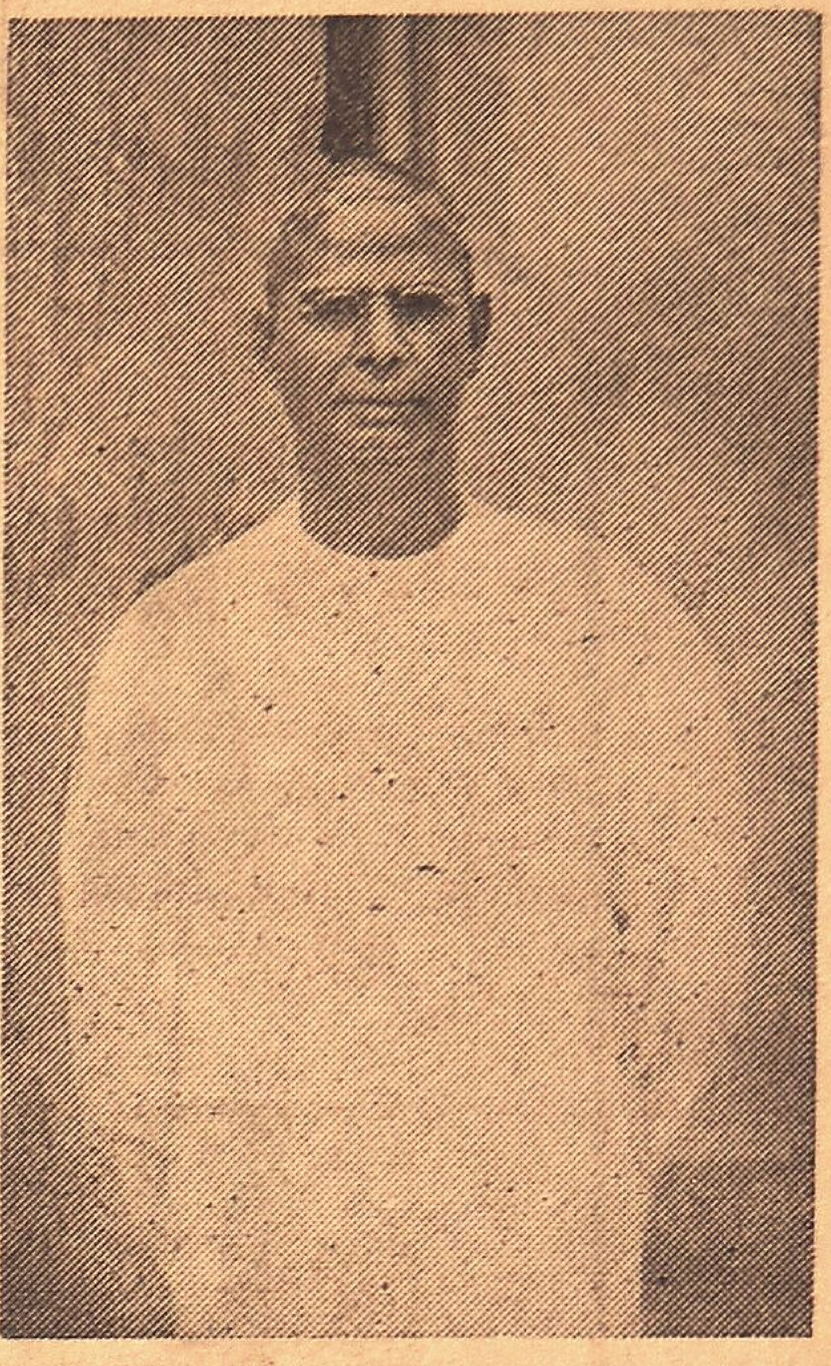
The Tycoons are essentially epicureans. As such many of them are not even a 'name' outside their City. They have money, but they do nothing to bring on them a certain amount of prestige they could easily have. The only prestige they have today is in the textile business circles, and in the hands of those who hang around them continually to curry favours in the form of yarn-bale doles. I once heard a hanger-on flatter a textile tycoon in these words: "How beautifully is the pillar in your drawing-room rounded!" "How prettily does your pomeranian puppy bark!"

Manchester of the South

Only the Hitlerian war made Coimbatore mills come into their own. But for the war, Coimbatore would not be enjoying its present-day prosperity and the proud name of "Manchester of the South." In the pre-war days, almost all the mills in that city were heavily mortgaged to the various banks which loaned them money in lakhs. Even today, I would not swear that the cash position of the mills, with very few exceptions, is anything enviable. But, their Managing Agents are rich.

Labour Organised

Textile labour is well-organised in Coimbatore. They have their Unions. They are divided into the Hind-Mazdoor, Socialist and Communist groups. Occasional labour-



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strikes are nothing uncommon there. I do not know why! The wages paid to Coimbatore textile workers are said to be higher than that paid to workers in Bombay or Ahmedabad. Mills like the "Radhakrishna" have provided their labourers with efficient housing space, and all the mills have canteens, dispensaries, nurseries for children. Still, there is discontent among the labourers. The mill worker is shrewd enough to know the actual earnings of the mill in a year. He asks, "if the Bosses take lakhs, why could not they give a decent bonus to the workers?" This is nothing new. It is merely the cry of the 'have-nots' against the 'haves.' I would not say that the Textile Tycoons of Coimbatore are rock-hearted folk; only they are cautious not to create unnecessary precedents and then suffer on that account.

Among the First

Now, we shall have a glimpse of some men who are important in the textile world of Coimbatore. First and foremost comes Dr. R. K. Shanmukam Chetty. He is one of the earliest to realize the possibilities of the textile business in these parts and start his Vasantha Mill, which is a sound business concern.

Next comes Mr. C. S. Rathnasabapathy Mudaliar, who is well-known. He owns the Pakaja Mill. Mudaliar made a mark in our public life in the South. He is the Maker of Modern Coimbatore on its civic side, he having been

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President of the Municipality for a number of years. He was also once President of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce in Delhi, also a legislator in Madras.

Lakshmi Group

The President of the Southern India Mill-owners' Association is Mr. R. Venkataswami, owner of the Radhakrishna Mill. He is all dignity, a rather reserved type of man, with few words for anybody, and fewer activities in life. He is well-read, has travelled widely abroad. He is a Rotarian. Impressive in conversation, he is full of fine ideas. He owns "Nava India," the only Tamil daily newspaper in Coimbatore.

Mr. G. K. Devarajulu is the presiding-genius of what is known as the famous "Lakshmi-Group" of Textile Concerns. He has a couple of mills in Coimbatore, one in Koilpatti and yet another in Trivandrum. He has polished manners, pleasant conversation and strict business principles. He is just forty. He has travelled extensively in the East and West. He was a member of the Industrial Delegation to U. S. in 1946 under the leadership of Sir M. Visweswarayya. His brother Mr. G. K. Sundaram is an ardent Congress worker, who at the age of sixteen, joined the Vedaranyam Satyagraha and went to prison. He is a gentleman to boot.

Now, the most respected among the younger Textile Tycoons in Coimbatore is undoubtedly Mr. G. Krishnan, Managing Agent of the "Stanes Mill." This is the oldest mill in all South India, about 63 years old. In pre-war times, the fortunes of this mill was nothing enviable. At one time, it was thought that they were even closing down! At such a critical juncture, Krishnan took up the management and built up its business to its present-day peak of perfection. Krishnan's motto in life is: "Work, hard work, work the hardest." He hasn't a foe in the world, and not a single man casts any uncharitable reflection on him!

Krishnan's brother is Mr. G. Narayanaswamy, popularly known amongst his friends as "Sam." He is an ideal host, fine sportsman, immensely popular with all types of people. Incidentally, he is the first Khamma Mill-Tycoon to write a readable travel-book in English—"Journey to Japan."

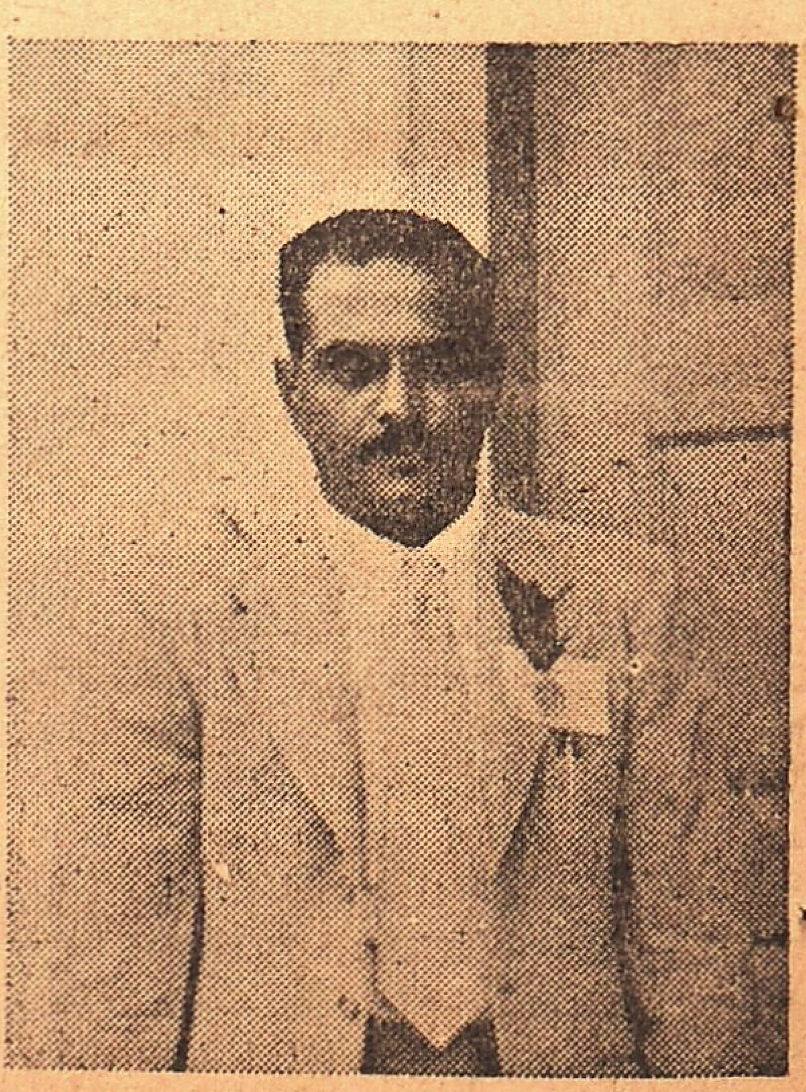
P. S. G. Group

I must now mention here another important figure—Mr. G. R. Govindarajulu. He is the chief of what is known as the "P. S. G. Group" of mills. His family folk run technical colleges, an arts college, and other industrial concerns. Govindarajulu is the President of the local Indian Chamber of Commerce, and he played host to the visiting Mysore Rajapramukh last year. Brother G. R. Damodaram is now a Member of the Union Parliament.

Last, but not the least comes Mr. V. S. Lakshmanan, owner of the Sarada Mill. His father Mr. Sengodayya Mudaliar started from humble beginnings and made a great success of his life. Lakshmanan takes an interest in local politics. He is a Director of some industrial concerns and a Member of the Southern Railways Advisory Committee.

Damocie's Sword

These are some of the men, reckoned important in Coimbatore's textile sphere. So long as the industry continues to prosper well and good. It has fears of Jap competition in the future. The threat of nationalization of the industry is also a sort of "Damocle's sword" over their heads. The mill-owners also expect the banks to give them more facilities to roll cash, to meet their needs adequately. They are also now a bit worried about the proposed competition they might have to face from the handloom industry, but take it from me, these Textile-Tycoons of Coimbatore do respect law, and are amenable to reason. They are for 'living and letting others live.' That is an attitude on their part which we should all admire.—P.



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PAKISTAN TURNS THE TABLES

(By P. N. S.)

The Indian cricket team for the third test match at Bombay to be played during mid-November is a formidable combination. Only Amarnath, Umrigar and Ghulam Ahmed from the team at Lucknow retain their places; the stalwarts Mankad, Hazare, Phadkar, Adhikari are back; while a fresh batch of youngsters are given the opportunity to prove themselves. Rajendranath will take the place behind the stumps, Apte will open the innings along with Mankad and Gupte will supply the orthodox spinner. Russi Modi, hero of many battles at Bombay is also back; his selection has raised the brows in many quarters but Modi is said to be at present playing with all his former wont. The selectors can be criticised for the hurried omission of D. K. Gaekwad and Manjrekar, but all in all the team is strong and well served in all departments of the game.

The selection of such a strong eleven is a direct tribute to the skill of Pakistan. When India won the first Test match against her at Delhi there were not a few who pooh-poohed the visitors and even predicted similar defeats for them in the remaining Tests also. But scarcely had the words faded away when Pakistan turned the tables on India and avenged her Delhi defeat in no uncertain manner at Lucknow.

Favourable Factors

Pakistan began the match under good auspices. In the first place the encounter was on a matting wicket with which they were at home. Secondly they had not to contend against the subtlety of Mankad or the dourness of Adhikari, both these players standing down due to injuries. Added to this Vijay Hazare could not play as he had not recovered from the indisposition with which he retired during the Delhi test.

While the Lucknow Test has brought great credit and glory to the youngest member in international cricket it has pulled down India's prestige to a new low. And the fact that India did not field her best team has not whittled down the shame of defeat.

Pathetic Batting

Amarnath gave his side a flying start by winning the toss for the second time and enabling his boys to have the first tenancy of the wicket But to everybody's shock our players were evicted in no time therefrom. Well as did Fazal Mahmood bowl the exit of the Indian batsmen was occasioned as much due to the pathetic wielding of their bats as to the excellence of the deliveries. All the elements of the art of batting were conspicuous by their absence. The only solace of the morning was the resolute innings of Roy, who topped the Indian scorers.

Nazar's Feat

Pakistan, fully alive to the immense advantage they had gained by dismising their opponents for only 106 runs set about their task with only the aim of victory. For nearly a day and a half the batsmen stuck grimly to their task and were content to defend the wickets, flatter the bowling unduly, and sacrifice runs. But all this seems to have been worked according to a set plan; for on the morning of the third day the Pakistan batsmen went with hammer and tongs after the Indian bowling and rattled up a good lead of 225 over India's score in the first innings.

The hero of the visitor's batting was Nazar Mahommed. He carried his bat through for 124 a remarkable achievement. He batted with painful dourness and during a stay of one and a half days scored only 87 runs -another remarkable achievement. But Nazar was not without the strokes; only he eschewed them with a singular purpose. For, on the third day morning he unfolded his repertoire in pleasing style. And when he came back into the pavilion he received applause for the mixed qualities of his century.

ABDUL HANEEF, the wonder-boy of the visiting team. Haneef aged only 18 years, has a distinguished record of two centuries—in the same match against North Zone—and useful scores in the first two Tests. Besides Haneef is Pakistan's stumper making the grade rapidly.

Amarnath's Display

As if to show that the Indian batting collapse in the first innings was no mere fluke but was due to their attack Pakistan went into action immediately. Roy a D. K. Gaekwad took the cre After making brief sallies at ball batsman followed batsma into the pavilion. And when the Indian skipper took guard defeat stared at his face and it seemed too bleak for any heroics on his part. However Amarnath, nursing the tail-ender Joshi, lighted the hour with a splendid display of defensive batsmanship. He shunned his cracking drives which thrill their senses, and by singles and twos raised the score to 170 and towards the end of the day had the satisfaction of delaying the end.

Only Consolation

However the match flickered out on the final day, but not before Amarnath added 11 more to his overnight score of 50 unfolding the beauty and power of his strokes. In fact the only consolation to Indian hearts in the match was the batting of Amarnath and the grand purpose on which it was mounted. This great cricketer, who led India so masterfully on the field both at Delhi and at Lucknow, had at least the satisfaction of upholding the trust which the well wishers of the game and his admirers always have in him. And still there are critics who talk as if Amarnath is too old for the game! How one wishes that the youngsters of the day will play half as well as he does at his age of 41!

CRICKETERS FETED: Picture taken at the cocktail party given by Sir Alexander Clutterbuck, the U.K. High Commissioner in India, to the members of the Indian and Pakistan Cricket Teams, (L. to R.): Sir Alexander Clutterbuck, Amarnath (Captain of the Indian team), Lady Clutterbuck and A. H. Kardar (Captain of the Pakistan team).

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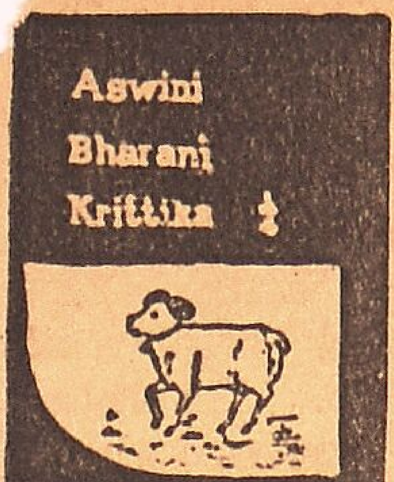

the middle of this week mences a particularly brilliant time from the point of view of income and success in attempts. If you have a favourable dasa and bhukti also I have no doubt that you will make handsome profits in your business. Office-goers can look forward to being patted on the back by the boss or promoted. This state of affairs will last for nearly a month. It is unnecessary for me to point out that if you have any important tasks ahead you had better bide your time for the successful accomplishment of the same. Holy dips and religious undertakings are on schedule. Financially you will do better. Jobless - look out!

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VRISHABA—(TAURUS)

I expect a decent measure of domestic happiness during this week. Presumably after the first half is over you have to contend against heavy odds in your profession. Perhaps you may be taken to task by the boss. Personal health too will be sub-normal. Businessmen should not despair of set-backs, but take precautions against losses. If you are running a malefic dasa-bhukti too, your risks are greater. Your religious tendencies will receive a set-back. Health of elders in the family or kids will be poor. Overseas advice may be disappointing. The week-end is bad for journey or domestic harmony even. Litigations had better be postponed.

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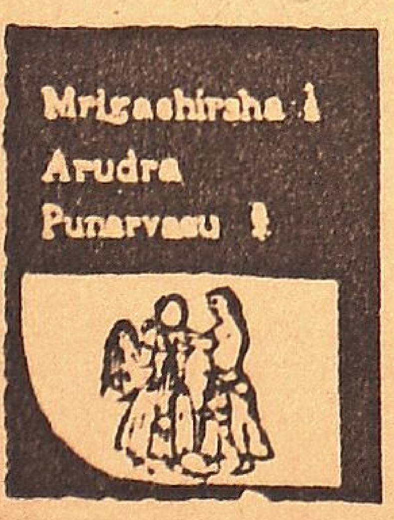
MITHUNA—(GEMINI)



I have reason to believe that your private life will be hardly satisfactory on account of disharmony or ill-health. If you are also running an evil dasa-bhukti I would warn you for a month to come to be careful in financial matters lest you should incur heavy losses. Personal injuries and loss of face are but another side of the picture. Although not quite this week, you will, surely during the next week be disillusioned and disappointed. The first two days will be comparatively favourable. The next three will bring about health and domestic inconvenience. Do not indulge in speculation during the week-end. Children may feel unwell.

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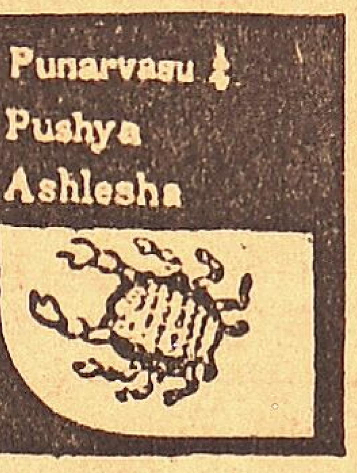
KATAKA—(CANCER)



I have to point to the storm-signal in your case because the second half of the week will witness two planetary changes both of which will have for their objectives the destruction of your domestic peace. If however you are running a favourable dasa-bhukti or tactful in your behaviour, you can convert this malefic influence to one extremely fortunate in the matter of profession or finance. You may have to go on a journey. As far as possible you must avoid litigation in the month ahead of you. Personally you must be careful in your diet, lest there should be some upset. At all costs you must exercise control over your tongue. Where women are concerned you will have to be extremely polite or you will draw the hornet's nest round your ears.

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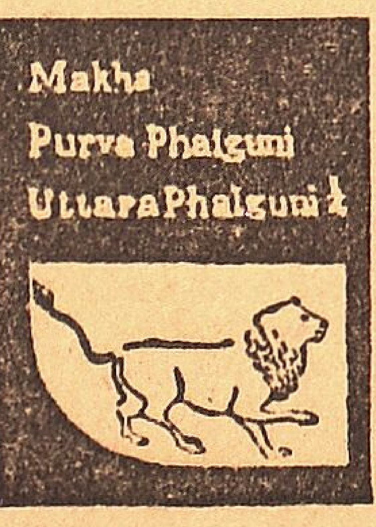
SIMHA—(LEO)



The second half of this week will, in your case, turn out to be favourable in a number of ways. Something good for your children is ahead. Some of you will become romantically inclined in the immediate future. Later on I feel that your credit position will improve. Your obstacles will be removed. It is fit time for making a concerted drive for collection of dues. If you had been unwell, you will notice gradual recovery. Domestic happiness will return. If any litigation is due for ending in the immediate future, I can guarantee a favourable finis. Of course you must have a helpful dasa and bhukti. The week end may find you on a journey or in happy company.

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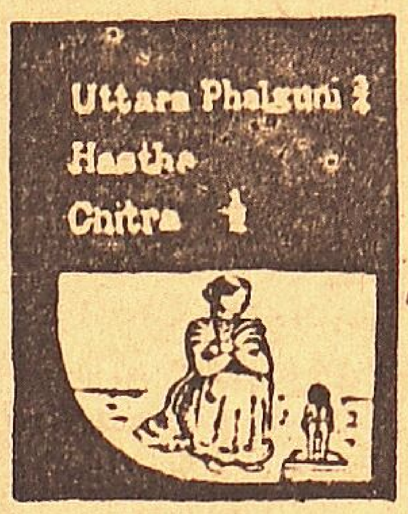
KANYA—(VIRGO)



I find a two-pronged development in your case as from the second half of this week. In the first instance I see some happy atmosphere round your home. Romance is one. Purchase of cars and other amenities is another. Of course your individual horoscope should warrant that. On the other hand I find that you are apt to become hot-tempered and insolent in your behaviour. Secondly the health of your kids may deteriorate. Speculation is dangerous as it will surely burn your fingers. A friendship may strain. Don't quarrel with superiors. If you are a writer be calm and dispassionate in your writings. The first half appears to be favourable.

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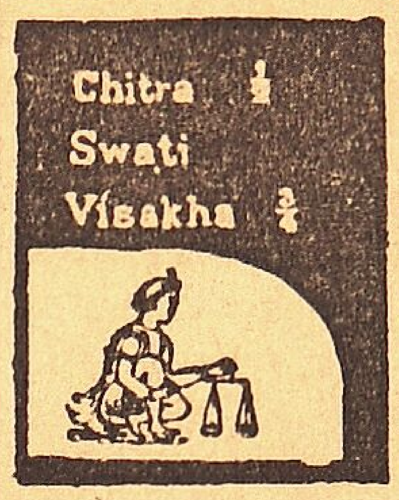
THULA—(LIBRA)



Very soon you will hear of some happy event in connection with your brothers and sisters. Some lucky ones will be the gainers of a fat prize in a competition. The days before you will bring happy postal information, money orders and the like. I must at the same time warn you that you must be careful of your habits since health is likely to be affected. If you have any programme for journey either this week or next week, it is better to postpone since I don't see any good coming out of it. Air-journeys must be surely avoided. The first half of this week promises to be lucrative professionally.

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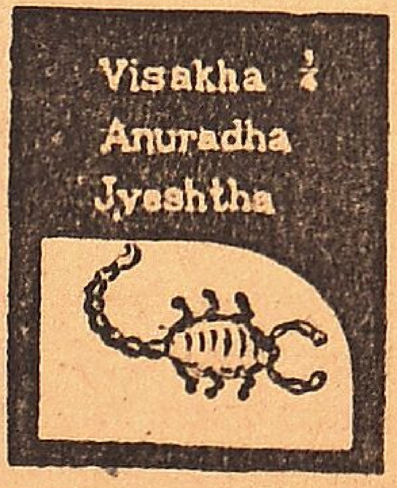
VRISCHIKA—SCORPIO)



You are one of those benefited by this week's main planetary changes. I think some happy function is on schedule in family circles. Your financial chances in the immediate future, after the first half of this week, appears to be bright. If you are also running a favourable dasa and bhukti the sky is your limit. Your energy and enthusiasm appear to be unbounded. New ventures are on the horizon. If you had been suffering from some inhibition or disability, I feel you will have the gratification of coming out of them. The coming week and in fact the month before should provide you with fine weather in which you will win the toss. The rest depends upon the intrinsic value of your personal horoscope. Keep ready for that eventuality.

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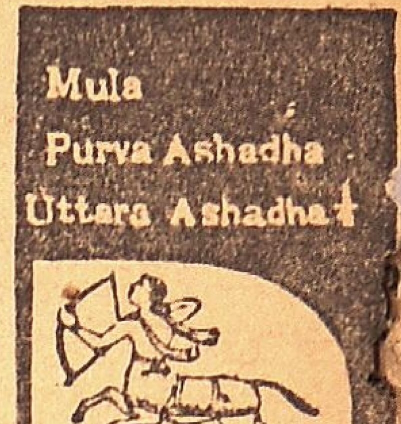
DHANUS—(SAGITTARIUS)



I find that you will, from the second half of this week, be in a mood to enjoy the better things of life. Luxury and sweet things will attract you. Financially you should do better. Happy event in your personal connection is indicated. But I have a warning to utter. You are sure to misuse your tongue as much as your money, unless you impose strict control. I would even suggest a curb on your tongue for the day. The difficulty appears to be that your domestic life will be disturbed. If you are a newspaper-man the chances are even between the home and the office. More than the current week, the coming week will focus on the above influences. But you must take care even now. The first half is definitely bad.

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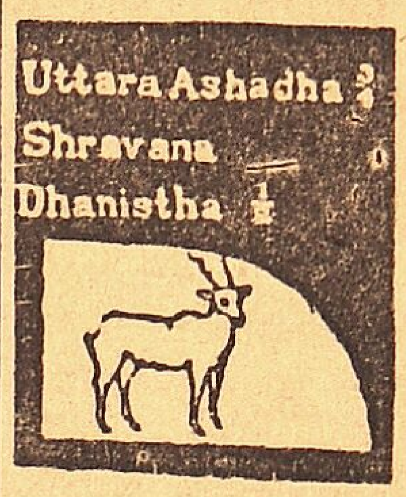
MAKARA—(CAPRICORNUS)



You may be prepared to sink some money in comforts in the month before you. It may be a chair or a car depending upon your environment. I dare say you will, in spite of your comparative affluence be confronted with the prospect of having to borrow from your friend or neighbour at short notice. Secondly the period immediately before you is somewhat adverse for health. Excess of heat

(*Please see page 22*)

HINDI LESSONS

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GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
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INDIA'S CITIZEN ARMY

(By A Special Correspondent)

The first Territorial Army Week was held in January 1951. The Territorial Army was then only a little more than a year old and the units that had been raised were still undergoing training or had just completed their preliminary training. Yet, those who saw them on parades or at physical training or engaged on a variety of chores that form part of their training did not go away unimpressed. They may not have been as good as Regulars but were certainly shaping well as part-time soldiers.

Another twenty months have passed since then and the T. A. men have won praise for their keeness, quick progress and smart turn-out both from Army officers and public men whenever they have had the opportunity to see them at ceremonial parades, in camps or at training. There are now a large number of units of the Territorial Army spread throughout the country, much larger than could be paraded during the first T. A. Week and these cover a wide range of arms—Infantry, Armoured Corps, Signals, Artillery, Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and so on. Their training is continuing with the same intensity and attention to detail as for the Regular Army.

In Proper Perspective

But the three years that have elapsed since the inauguration of the Territorial Army have not been without difficulties. The T. A., in its present form, was new to India and few realised fully the scope of its functions and the nature of its organisation. It was not, for instance, clearly borne in upon people that the T. A. offers only part-time occupation and not full-time employment. That, perhaps, was responsible for the first-hour rush and subsequent slowing down of recruitment. Nor were the advantage to be gained by joining the T. A. fully appreciated. But as the idea spread that the T. A. offers opportunities for useful military training and as units began to be raised, people began to see this new Army in its proper perspective.

Big Hurdle

There was no dearth of men for the provincial units, recruited from rural areas, for the villager with his inherent liking for soldiering took to T. A. readily. But the T. A. came up against one big hurdle in respect of its urban units. These units, specially those of the technical arms of the service, had to get a large percentage of their men from amongst the employees of private firms and industrial concerns. These not only had to obtain the prior permission of their employers but had also to be given certain facilities by their employers for joining the T. A. The men were keen on getting the training that the T. A. offered them and some of the employers too were not reluctant to let them go without let or hindrance. But there were others who looked at it solely from the point of view of work-hours lost and wage paid for no work done. What particularly affected the interest of the employee was the refusal of the employer to allow him a lien on his civil job so that he could return to it after his service with the T. A. was over.

Amending Act

Matters came to a head when some of the T. A. units were embodied in 1951 for a period of four to five months. This entailed prolonged absence from their civil occupations and the men were, therefore, apprehensive that they might be deprived of their jobs if their employers refused to take them back. Government, therefore, brought forward a bill to amend the Territorial Army Act so as to make it obligatory on all employers whose men join the T. A. to reinstate the latter in their original job. The bill, as finally passed by Parliament, makes ample provision for safeguarding the interests of the worker, but apart from that, the then Defence Minister, speaking on the bill, made it clear that 'Government will not tolerate that workers who come forward to serve the country in times of emergency should be thrown out of employment. Government will not hesitate to bring forward a further amendment to ensure the continued employment of such workers."

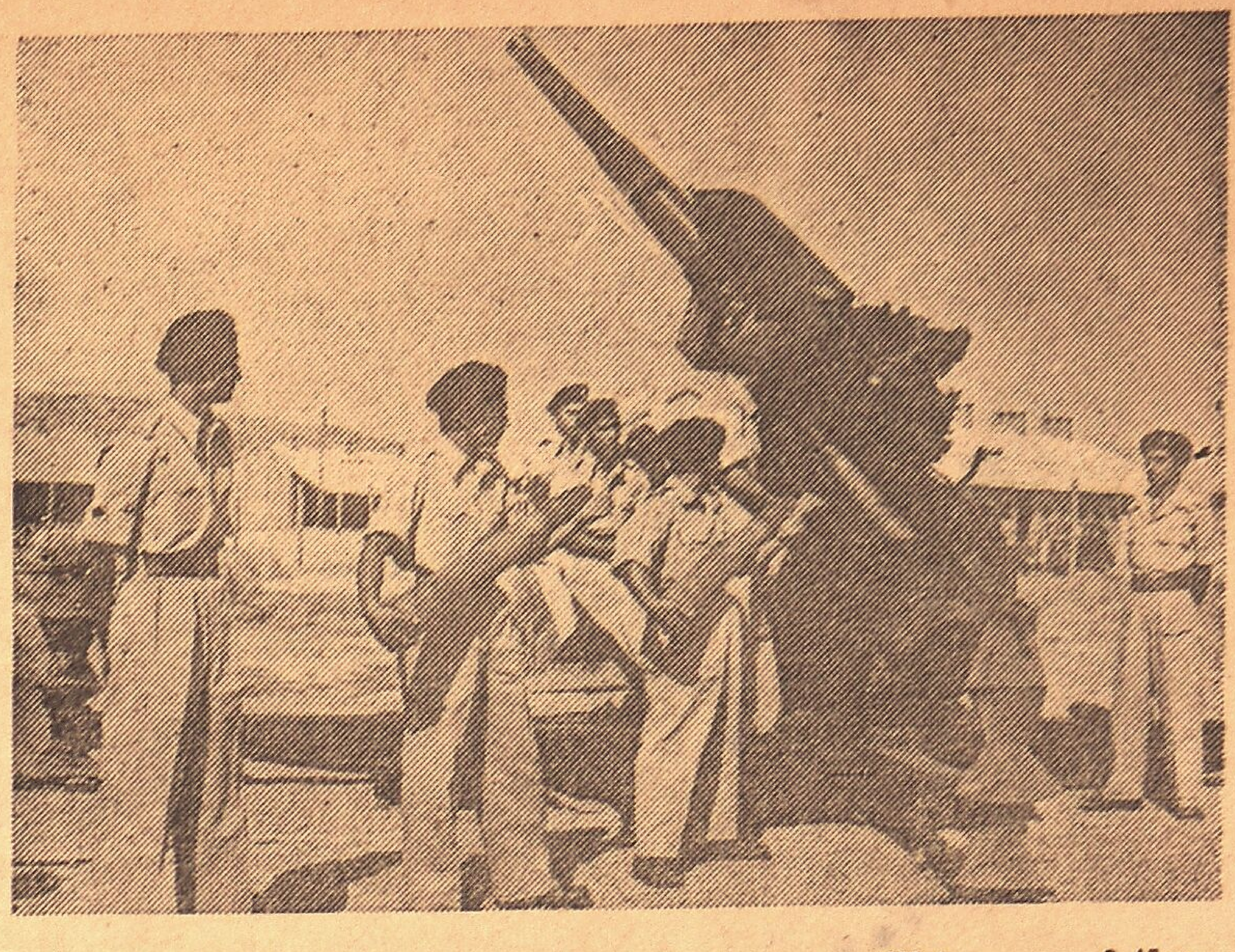
Real Solution

In spite of this piece of legislation, however, it has been repeatedly emphasised both by Government and by those interested in the progress of the Territorial Army that the real solution of the problem lies in the willing co-operation of the employer and in the sense of patriotism of both the employer and the employee. The advantages that the Territorial Army carries with it will be shared by both. The employer will be making his men more disciplined and more efficient through training in the T. A.; the worker will add to his knowledge and be a better citizen, and both will be helping to create a force that will guard the home-front in an emergency.

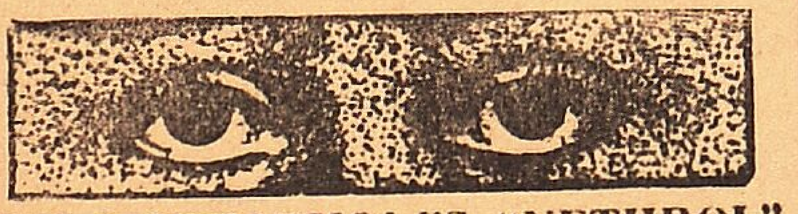
Another important development during the year regarding the Territorial Army has been the decision taken by the Government to reserve 2½ per cent of the vacancies at the National Defence Academy for T. A. personnel. This will give an opportunity to deserving youngmen in the T. A. to obtain commissions in the Regular Army and thus turn their part-time soldiering into a full-fledged military career.

The President has instituted two awards to be granted to T. A. personnel. They will be known as "The Territorial Army Decoration" and "The Territorial Army Medal" and will be considered to have come into force with effect from August 15, 1951. The Decoration will be awarded to commissioned officers of the Territorial Army for 20 years' meritorious service of proved capacity and the Medal to Junior Commissioned Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Territorial Army who have done 12 years' efficient service with a minimum of 12 trainings.

In conclusion it may be stated that a great deal of what appeared, two years ago, to be an uphill task has been accomplished, but more remains to be done. The Territorial Army is as yet far from its target strength but what has been achieved, both in recruitment and in training, has placed it on a firm footing and gives hope that this citizen Army would soon develop into a force worthy of its country and capable of fulfilling its role as India's second line of defence.



IN AN EMERGENCY anti-aircraft defence will be one of the main tasks assigned to the Territorial Army. T. A. personnel are here seen manning a heavy A.-A. Gun.—P. I. B.



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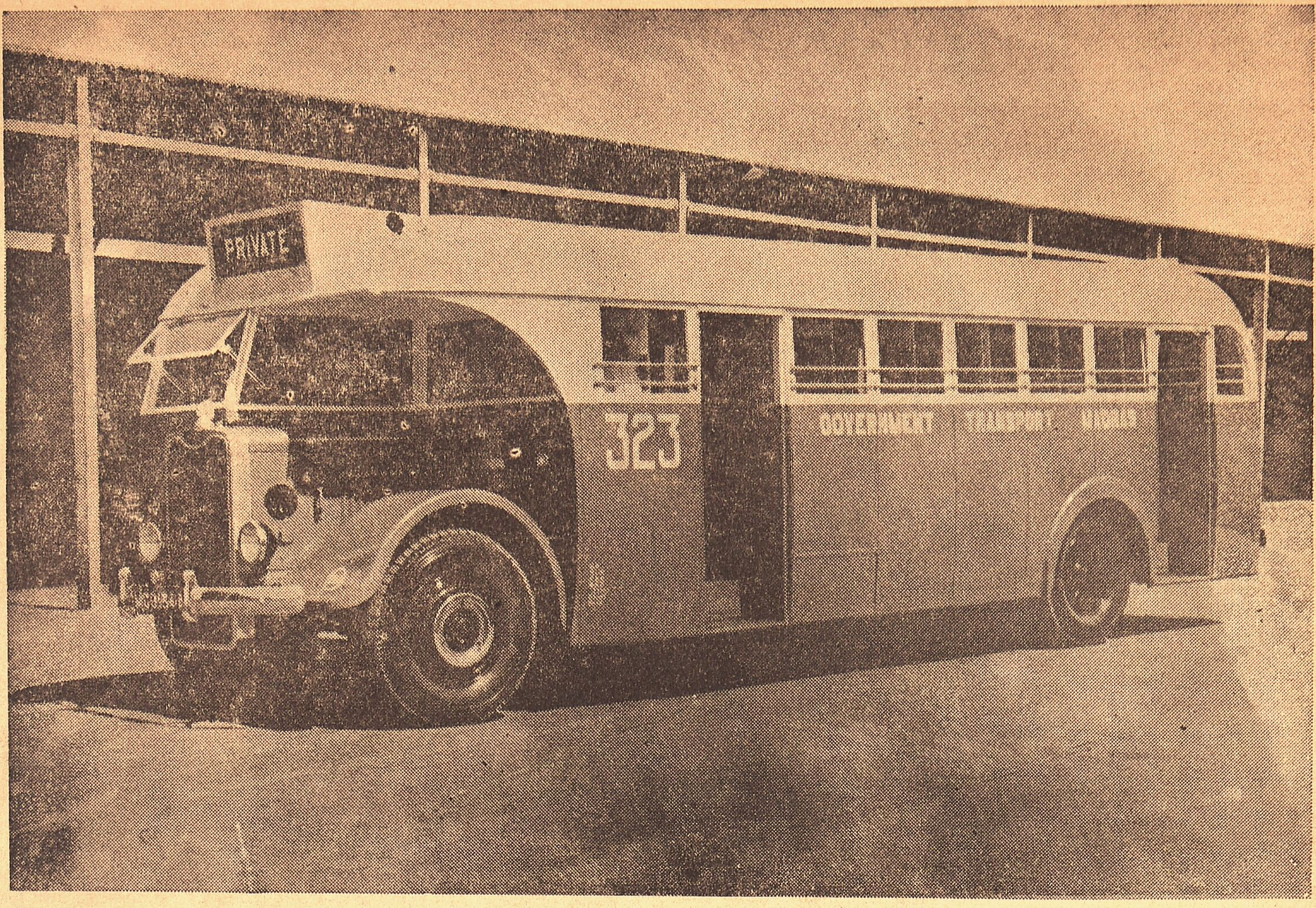

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TRANSPORT IN THE MADRAS STATE

(By T. Purushotham, M. L. C.)

The proposal of the Madras Government to levy a surcharge on bus passengers is on the anvil of the State Assembly. And here in this article, the author discusses the question of the road transport in the State, both urban and rural, and offers helpful suggestions which if taken up, will mean more transport facilities for the common man.

WITH the dawn of Independence, several nationalisation schemes were put through. In 1947, the Madras City Bus Transport System was nationalised. There are in all 339 buses in the State Transport Department of which 285 buses are normally scheduled to ply on the roads in each shift. The nationalisation scheme has not been quite profitable to the State, as will be seen from the figures below showing the savings from the Government Bus Service :

Year		Savings
1947-48	Rs.	6,00,461
1948-49	,,	8,59,296
1949-50	,,	1,47,602
1950-51	,,	4,21,937

These figures do not take into account the loss of income from motor vehicles taxation which the Government would have got if private buses had been licensed. Explaining the fall in income from State Transport Service, the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Department stated on the floor of the Madras Legislative Council that "buses run efficiently for the first two years and in the third year they have to undergo a lot of repairs. The cost of spare parts, petrol and tyres had gone up tremendously during these years. That explains why there have been less savings. Of course in 1950-51 there have been more savings. I must add, however, that in the current year, the position is not as bright as it was in 1950-51." That is how the nationalisation scheme is working in this State.

Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO State Minister for Transport.

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THOUGH as stated earlier, 285 buses are scheduled to ply in each shift, all the buses are not running in the Madras City. More than 30 of them are diverted for inter-district services to mufassal stations and for suburban services, with the result that the city bus service is inadequate and quite unsatisfactory. The Hon'ble Minister for Transport has stated that the nationalisation scheme is for Madras city and not for mufassal services. To secure satisfactory transport facilities in the city, Government buses now plying to mufassal station and suburban services should be cancelled and the buses should be diverted for Madras city traffic. As the Government have provided for purchase of new chasses in the Budget for 1952-53, all those extra buses should be made available for Madras city and the inter-district and suburban services should be restored to private enterprise and the Government should not compete with the latter on any of the routes.

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THE Government Transport needs a thorough overhauling. The nationalised road transport scheme is on a class with State Trading Schemes. An experienced officer ought to be in immediate charge of the Government Transport Service. The Transport Commissioner who is the head of the Department cannot efficiently be the City Transport Officer as well. It is bad economy to combine the office of the Head of the Department and the office of the Nationalised Scheme. I hope this will receive the particular attention of the Government.

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WE read in papers recently that the Government bus fare tickets were fraudulently printed in private presses and that some of the conductors and checking inspectors were arrested

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in this connection. **It is not clear how such a thing happened.** The Madras Tramway Company is issuing tickets to the conductors just before the shift and the unused tickets are taken back when the conductors are relieved for the day. The same procedure ought to be adopted by the Government Transport Service. How the conductors came to know the numbers of the tickets to be issued to them in advance to enable them to get the numbers printed on bogus tickets is a mystery. The public have a right to know the full details and also how long this was going on and the consequent loss to the State exchequer.

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THE administration of the Motor Vehicles Act needs much reform. It was stated recently by the Hon'ble Chief Minister that in view of the increased demand for transport facilities, new bus routes will be opened and that more buses will be permitted on different routes in the State. This is a welcome move in the development of rural transport service, but not much headway has been made so far. The procedure now adopted for grant of stage carriage permits is tardy and needs to be simplified. The rules governing the issue of permits are too elastic. The decisions of the Regional Transport authorities are invariably challenged before the Central Road Traffic Board and then the matter goes to Government and the High Court. It takes several months, before finality is reached. I would earnestly plead that the bus operators form into regional associations and settle some of these matters by mutual adjustment and avoid the present unhealthy competition and ruinous litigations.

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UNDER Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the High Court is competent to call for records of all cases and issue directions in the nature of Writ of Certiorari. The Madras High Court has ruled that the right to carry on Bus Transport business is a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution and that the denial of permits for the purpose should be based on valid grounds. As I pointed out in the Legislative Council, it is necessary that the Government should take up this question and lay down definite rules for the guidance of the transport authorities in the light of the High Court rulings. After the expansion of the jurisdiction of the High Court I should think that Government need not have any powers under Section 64 (A) of the Motor Vehicles Act. Straight from the Central Road Traffic Board, the aggrieved

A DIESEL BUS that plys on the city and suburban service of the Transport department of the Madras State.

party may go to the Court, and the Government need not come into the picture.

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IT is a matter of highest importance that village transport services should be improved. As new village roads are formed, buses also should be introduced on those roads, by opening new bus route or by extending the existing services. The President of the District Boards are ex-officio members of the Regional Transport Committees and it is their paramount duty to take the initiative and open up such rural bus transport facilities as and when they complete the formation of new village roads. The prosperity of the village depends largely on such rural amenities.

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THE public have become bus-minded, both in towns and in villages. The Government have stated that they do not propose to extend the scheme of nationalisation of bus transport outside the Madras city. Private enterprise should therefore be encouraged to take up rural bus transport extension schemes. The Government should extend their fullest co-operation to private endeavour in this direction and help the industry to prosper and cater to the needs of the public as efficiently as possible.

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THE proposal of Government to levy a surcharge tax on bus passengers is certainly not in the best interests of bus passengers or bus operators. The Hon'ble Dr. U. Krishna Rao, Minister, has assured us that the proposed surcharge on bus fares will not apply to Madras City and other town bus services. If town passengers are thus to be exempted, why the levy on mofussal passengers. Why this discrimination between urban and rural bus passengers? The Government would do well to drop the proposal altogether.

PRIME MINIISTER NEHRU, being greeted by a large gathering of tribesmen on his arrival at Pasighat, the Headquarters of centrally administered Abor Hills District.

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PROTEST AGAINST SALES TAX

MERCHANTS CONVINCED

(From Our Correspondent)

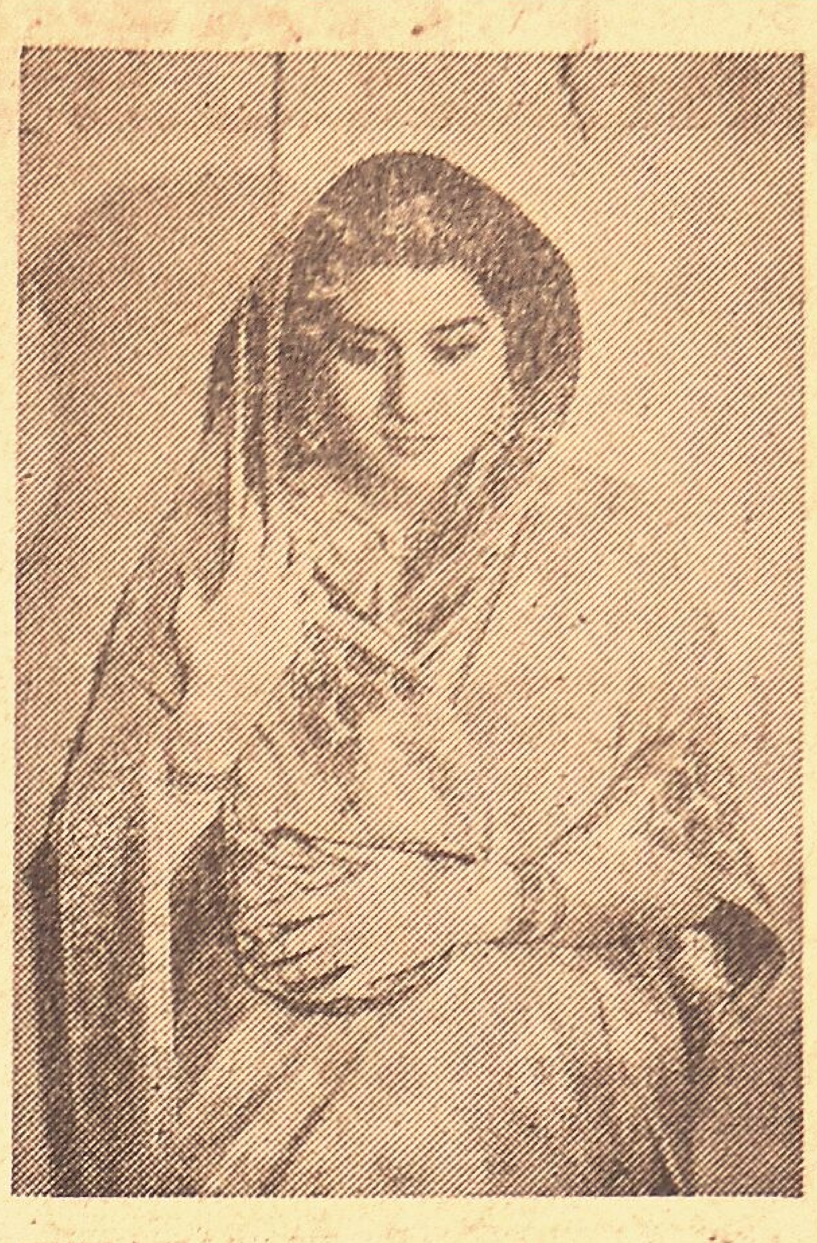
BOMBAY, Nov. 3.

The hartal called by the Bombay State New Tax Opposition Mandal for three days from Saturday last to Monday (today) ended in a fiasco. This was the fifth hartal, programmed by the Mandal to demonstrate public resentment against the New Taxation measures enacted by the Bombay Government in the Poona Session in July. Strike as a demonstration is quite different from a strike to get the tax measure adopted by a popular Legislative Assembly to be reversed by the Government. The Mandal has overshot its mark and failed to receive any support from the citizens of Bombay in their fifth attempt. The organizers have ignored the fundamental facts. A strike is the last weapon to be resorted to to get a tax measure reversed or withdrawn. It should be borne in mind that no government, worth its salt, will permit it. Elated by the flush of success on the first two occasions, the organizers of the Mandal overstepped their limits and tried to have frequent strikes hoping that they would be able to embarrass the Government.

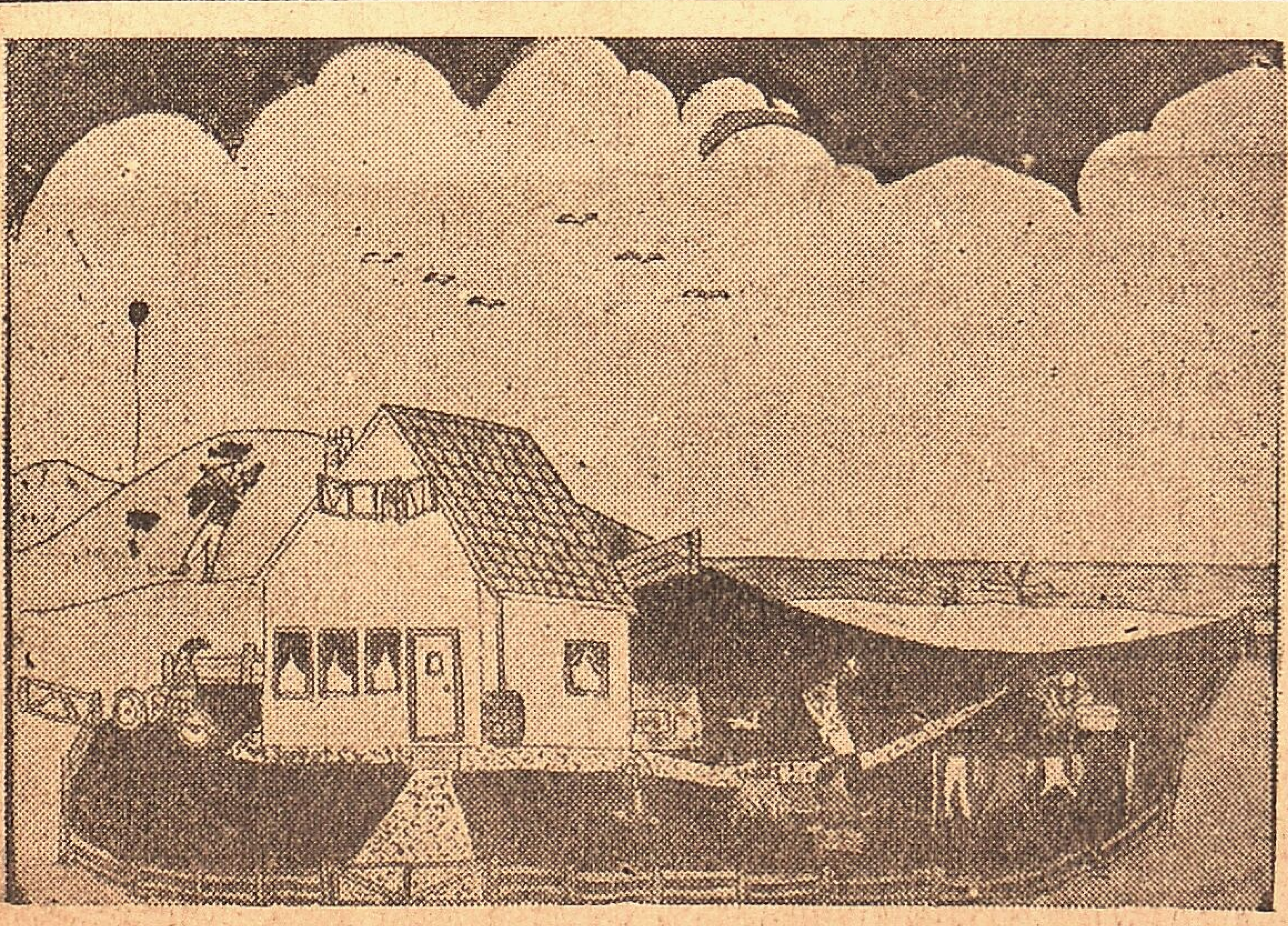
Concessions

The Sales Tax in Bombay has come into effect from 1st November. Merchants are now convinced that Government have gone to the farthest limit to accommodate them. The concessions announced by Dr. Jivraj Mehta work out at 33 percent remission. No shopkeeper will endanger his business by closing it indefinitely which fact has not been taken into account by the agitators. Secondly, the agitation against the new tax has exceeded its limit and anti-government forces have taken charge of it. By stages, the public and others have realised that they had drifted too far from the object. Hence they have slowly withdrawn their support to the Mandal and are trying to reconcile themselves to the realities of the situation.

The Sales Tax Act has also been challenged by seven automobile firms in the High Court. These firms have taken to legal measures to fight the Sales Tax Act. It is stated that under Article 286 of the Constitution, the power of the Bombay State to impose or authorise imposition of the Sales Tax is restricted purely to local and or domestic sales or purchase in the state wherein two conditions are fulfilled, that the goods had been actually delivered within the state in the sales or purchase transaction, and that it was for the purpose of consumption of goods in the state. In this connection it is learnt that the Associated Chambers of Commerce has submitted a memorandum to the President of the Indian Union stressing that the entire Article 286 of the Constitution should be referred to the Supreme Court for scrutiny under the powers granted to him by Article 143, sub-Section 1 of the Constitution. The Chamber states that the conflicting decisions of the courts and the varying interpretations put by different state governments, Sales Tax authorities and tribunals on Article 286 are introducing a large element of uncertainty in trade relations which are sure to affect the prosperity of the country, unless there is an authoritative pronouncement by the Supreme Court, in regard to the interpretation generally of Article 286 of the Constitution.



PRINCESS NILOFFER FARHAT BEGUM, the wife of the Nizam's second son Prince Muazzam Jah Bahadur, who has been divorced by him.—G. L.



A PAINTING by a Dutch child at the Child Art Exhibition that is being declared open this Saturday at the Besant Theosophical High School, Adyar, by the Governor of Madras.

LOSING BATTLE BY PAK RUPEE

MARKET SPECULATION

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Pak Currency

Will Pakistan devalue her currency? This is the discussion in the money market world. The unofficial price of the Pakistan rupee which was moving between Rs. 110 and 115 a year ago was quoted at a discount of ten percent in recent weeks. It is also noted that there has been some kind of black-market deals in view of the influx of Pakistanis into India from East Bengal. Various small scale dealers who have no facilities to transfer through the regular channels of the banks sell the Pakistani notes in the Calcutta market. These transactions are put through unofficially. The refugees who have migrated to West Bengal from East Pakistan are trying to cash their Pakistani Currency at alarmingly low rates. Last week 100 Pakistani rupees fetched 23 Indian rupees. It is said that this rate applies to numberless transactions of small value.

A Losing Battle

Recent events show that the Pakistani currency is fighting a losing battle. The latest forecast of current season's jute crop in Pakistan is placed at 6.8 million bales though unofficial estimates place it at 8 million bales. Taking it at the estimate placed by the Pakistan Government will Pakistan be able to sell all this jute. The consumption by India of Pakistan jute during the 1951-52 season was only 1.6 million bales. It is not known whether India will absorb any bigger quantity during the 1952-53 season. Can Pakistan find a market for roughly five million bales outside India granting that India consumes 1.6 million bales again. Has the world production exceeded the demand? According to an estimate India's consumption of Pakistani jute for the coming season is placed around 1.7 million bales, as the Indian crop is expected to work out at 5 million bales. The total quantity of jute available in the world for India and Pakistan would work out at 11.3 million bales. Consumption in the Indian Mills is placed around five and a half to six million bales, leaving a balance of 5.8 million bales for consumption by the rest of the world.

One Welcome Factor

There is one welcome factor. The consumption of raw jute as packing material by America is improving. There is a good demand for gunny cloth from the Continent. Unless Pakistan devalues her currency prospects of exports are limited. So, it has been urged by traders in Pakistan to the authorities to devalue the Pakistan rupee so that her shipments of raw jute in the current season would go up and prevent a disaster to her people. They have also said that delay in the devaluation of the rupee will only hamper her development of jute export trade. It is also said that a large quantity of cotton remain in Pakistan unexported. In view of these huge stocks of raw commodities, Jute and Cotton, it is said that Pakistan will devalue her currency at an early date.

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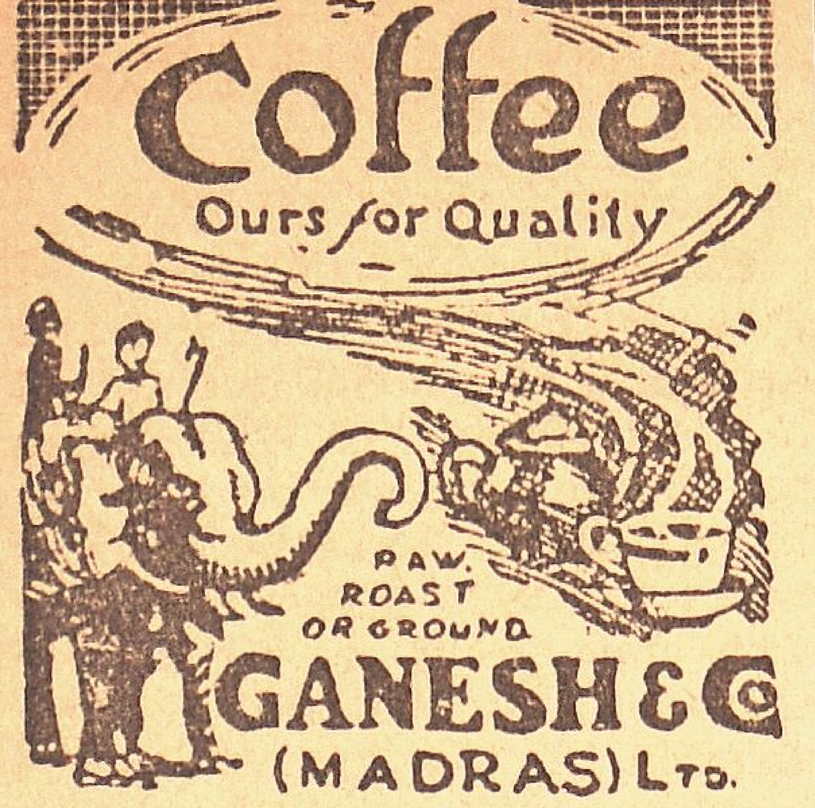

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His party is considered to be a reactionary one, backed by big business and opposed, in general, to liberal and progressive policies. But Ike has already swept aside several of the reactionary policies of the Republican Party. And whatever may be the changes in the internal affairs of the United States, there may not be any radical change in its foreign policy, whose main plank is to combat the spread of the Communist tide.

Most Republicans have long ago shed their traditional policy of isolationism and they are more aggressive than the Democrats against Russia and its satellites. The first result of the election of Ike as President, therefore, may be a more aggressive, outright and realistic policy towards the Kremlin. It may be all to the good.

FROM the CAPITAL

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Wednesday.

In the parliamentary interregnum of two and a half months, a number of political events have happened that will keep up the interest of MPs in this six-week session of the House of the People. During this period the Prime Minister and many of his colleagues have toured the country and have acquainted themselves with the state of the country and will be in a position to give first-hand reports to Parliament. So far as the Prime Minister is concerned he has effectively utilised his tours for addressing mass gatherings all over the country on the burning problems of the day. On his return to the Capital—a few hours after his arrival from his strenuous tour of Madhya Pradesh — the Prime Minister addressed a Press Conference at which he explained the Government's attitude with regard to the various problems that are coming up for discussion before Parliament this session. Looking rather tired and exhausted the Prime Minister did not start the Press Conference with his usual vigour and bits of humour, but as the conference proceeded he gathered his usual form and at the end when he referred in a string of adjectives to the beauties and qualities of the Assam tribes, his face lighted with joy and enthusiasm and all his tired feelings seemed to have disappeared. With some pride he announced to the Pressmen that the Assam tribes showered on him all sorts of presents, one of which was a precious one and that was the Himalayan bear—the Panda. As he made a special mention of this one correspondent modestly requested the Prime Minister to bring the Panda to his next Press Conference, to which the Prime Minister gaily replied, "Why not?" It appears one elephant was also presented to Nehru by the Assam tribes, but for obvious reasons the present had to be left behind!

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Opposition Guns

Dr. S. P. Mukherjee who played the role of the virtual leader of the Opposition last session making up the weakness in numerical strength behind him by his experience and personality, has come to Parliament with new challenges to fling at the Government and at the Prime Minister especially. The sight of distress of the minorities in East Bengal in the matter of passports has accentuated old sores and the public opinion is yet to be convinced that Nehru's Government means to do anything effective by way of administering an antidote. A debate on Kashmir may also be seized by Dr. Mukherjee to open up with all his big guns, for he does not believe in the Prime Minister's theory that the two questions are separate. The strongest section of the Opposition, the Communists as they showed during the last session are in agreement with Nehru's Kashmir policy. The floor leader of the Communist Party in the House of People, Sri A. K. Gopalan, is himself coming back with direct knowledge of the Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in Moscow.

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Estates Duty Bill

The Estates Duty Bill figures on the agenda paper for the opening day of this session of the House of People. This Bill will be referred to a select committee. MPs who are keen to have this measure put on the statute book before this session disperses, feel that the Government are not quite serious in their expeditious passage, because certain vested interests are not in favour of the Bill. It may be remembered that the Indian Merchants Chamber of Bombay has voiced its criticisms openly on the ground that if the Bill were to be passed into law, it would usher in the disintegration of Hindu Society, and has sent in a representation to the Government opposing the principle of the taxation of inheritance. But the protagonists of the measure point out that it will not affect the vast masses of Hindus except the very rich Hindu joint families and that to tax them for the much-needed revenues of the State will not disintegrate Hindu Society. This Bill removes a long-felt lacuna in the field of Indian taxation. It supplements the Income-tax, it has the sanction of both Hindu and Muslim ideals of property; it has the sanction of long usage in the Western countries, none of whom can be regarded as Communist or even Socialist.

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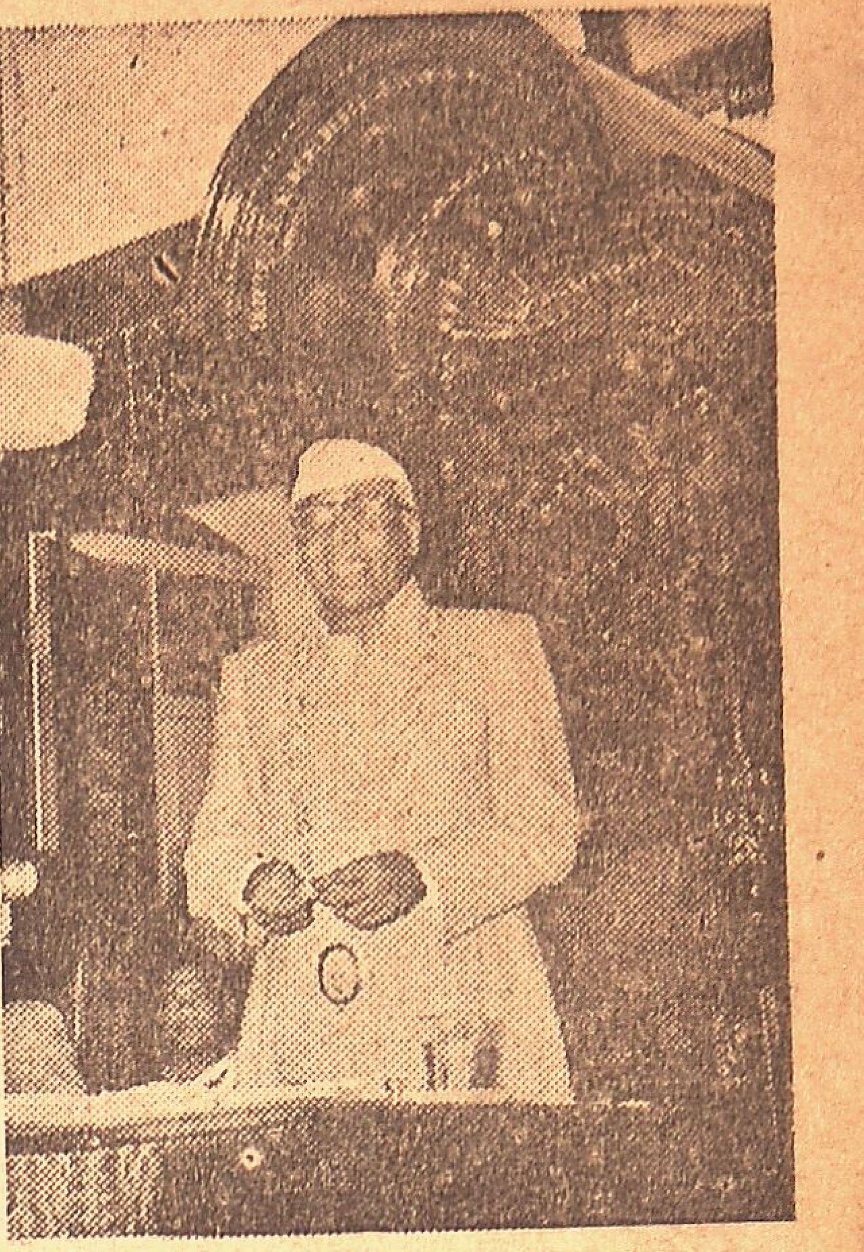
Dr. Bhatnagar Returns

The United States of America is interested in the Thorium factory at Alwaye and is anxious to assist, if possible, in the building up of another such plant. This was revealed by Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, Secretary Education Ministry, Secretary Natural Resources and Scientific Research Ministry and Director of Scientific and Industrial Research Council who has returned here after a tour of the U. S. and U. S. S. R. The main object of his visit was to obtain information which would help India to utilize its raw materials better and more usefully, to exchange information about atomic energy and to arrange for literature for development of these subjects. Dr. Bhatnagar said he had gained useful knowledge for the better utilization of India's valuable atomic raw materials. India's position as a supplier of raw atomic materials had placed it in an enviable position, Dr. Bhatnagar said, to earn more dollars; and the Government of India hoped to trade these materials judiciously for money and knowledge and would soon take decisions on the best use for such strategic raw materials. Dr. Bhatnagar gave the assurance that the Government would never sell out the country's atomic wealth against her own interests.



NEW MAYOR. Sri T. Chengalvaroyan replying to felicitations on his election as the New Mayor of the Madras Corporation.—P. C. S.

In Russia

In Moscow Dr. Bhatnagar was the guest of the Academy of Sciences. He said that the Russians were making gigantic strides in the technical field through a number of well-equipped and adequately manned physical and chemical laboratories. It was difficult to say whether Russia was as advanced as the U. S. A. in atomic research; but the enthusiasm of the Russians was very great and plenty of opportunities were provided to scientists for carrying on their work. Dr. Bhatnagar was highly impressed by the high value attached to learning by the Russians and said that the Professors there were as well paid as State Ministers. The anxiety of the Russians to learn from the rest of the world was illustrated by Dr. Bhatnagar when he said that he was amazed to find in the Moscow University a copy of the building plan of the National Physical Laboratory in Delhi. He could not help wondering how the Russians came into possession of the plan! Scientific workers were a privileged class which belonged to the upper strata of society in Moscow.

No Classless Society

Dr. Bhatnagar said that it was wrong to say there was a classless society in U.S.S.R. and added there were two distinct classes—the well-off and the ordinary worker. The institution of private property was not extinct either. One could own a house, but only in the countryside, and could have a bank account if one belonged to the well-off class. There was no cheque book system however and money could be drawn only by personal calls or by letter to the bank.

MYSORE NOTES & NEWS

(From Our Bangalore Correspondent)

BANGALORE, Tuesday.

Mysore has been chosen as the venue for the conference of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation to be held in January 1953.

After the integration of the State Railway with the All-India net-work, the Mysore unit has been regrouped into the Southern Railway along with the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway and the South Indian Railway.

At present speedy arrangements are being got up at the Bangalore City Railway station to raise two additional plaforms for the Mysore State connections and the one to Guntakkal, Harihar, and Poona. There will be two additional overbridges. Goods traffic section is also getting relieved of congestion thanks to separate arrangements.

The Mysore railwaymen have been urging on the Centre to be put on a par in regard to emoluments of Class 1 railwaymen in point of pay and allowance. Mr. V. V. Giri, Labour Minister, who has recently visited Bangalore assured them that he would take up the matter with the new Railway Minister, Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri.

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Distress Relief Committee

The Central Government's Distress Relief Committee headed by Mr. S. V. Ramamurthi has now arrived in Bangalore and conferred with the Ministers and officials of the State Government in regard to the situation obtaining here, especially in Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug districts.

The members of this committee are just leaving for those affected parts on tour for three days after which they return to Bangalore to take stock of the situation and discuss measures of relief to be submitted to the Government of India.

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Decontrol of Millets

The State Government have decided to decontrol millets in Mysore and are awaiting the approval of the Government of India to implement the same.

The Mysore Government have requested the Central Government to ensure sufficient food supplies in order to maintain the present system of rationing in the cities of Bangalore, Davangere and Kolar Gold Fields.

It is learnt that the Mysore Government have decided to continue the present system of procurement from surplus-holders and there is no rushing through by way of levy system for the present. Both the Legislative Assembly and the Pradesh Congress Executive have recommended such a step.

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Welcome Agreement

It was a welcome relief to see an agreement, after a spell of confusion and misunderstanding, between the Parliamentary and Organisational wing of the Pradesh Congress here.

Unanimous agreement was arrived at to the effect that the State ministry must consult the Pradesh Congress executive on all matters of policy before Governmental implementation of measures. It was also agreed that there should be close contact between the two wings of the Congress.

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For Reddy's Seat

A bye-election would be held for the seat rendered vacant in the State Assembly by the resignation of Mr. K. C. Reddy, who has been taken over in the Central Cabinet as Production Minister.

After some discussion over the subject, the Executive Committee of the Pradesh Congress have decided to consult local opinion at Bangarapet in regard to choice of Congress candidate.

The K. M. P. Party have decided not to leave the seat uncontested.

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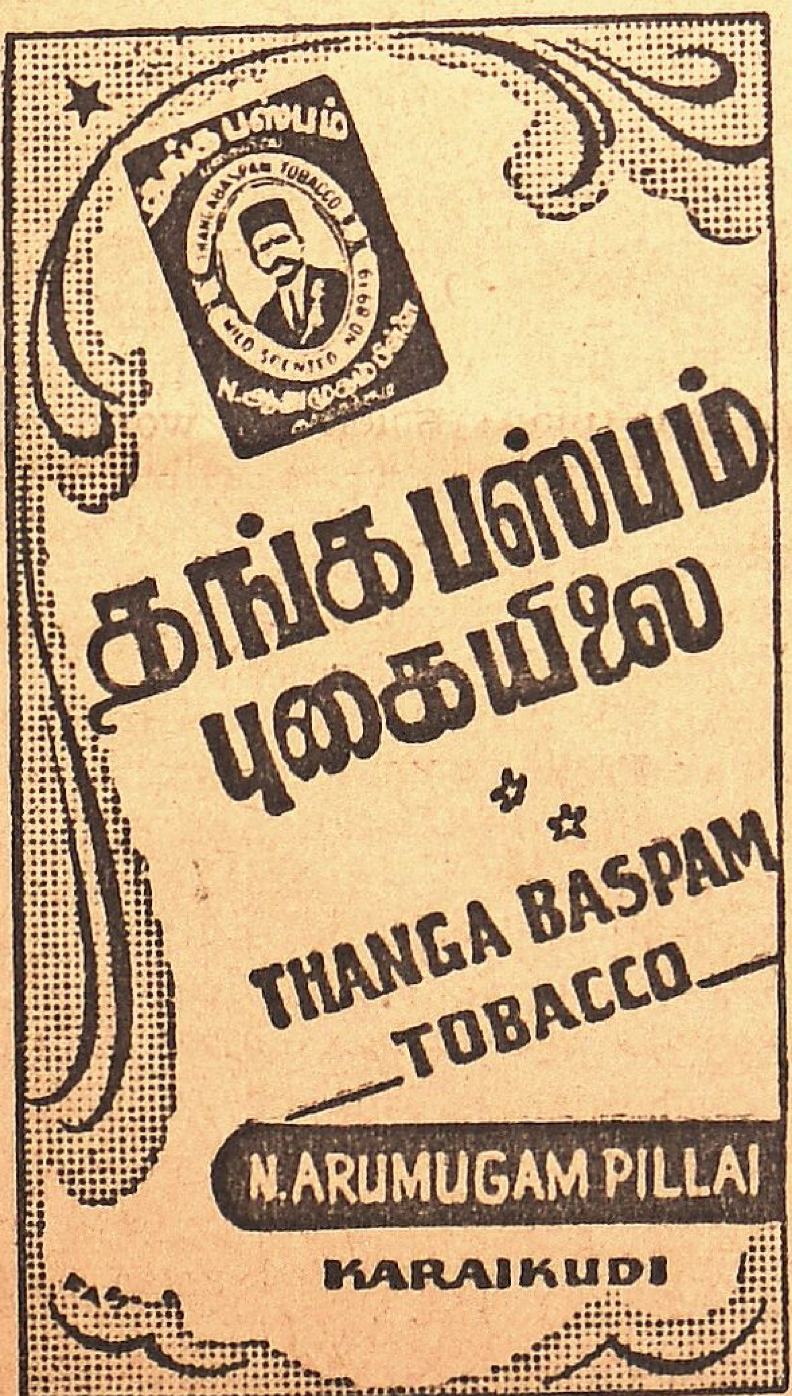
Flying Saucers!

Flying saucers were sighted in Mysore City, and some people who witnessed them said there was a group of six flying saucers.

Early in the morning, according to one observer, six bright discs, flying from west to east on a horizontal course, passed overhead. In about thirty seconds' time they sped away to the east.



ON THE COVER

A fine life-study of a simian couple caught in a moment of tender affection for each other.—Photo: Chandru.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, who has been elected the new President of the U. S.

TENANTS' PROTECTION BILL

The Council of Public Affairs, Madras recently set up an Experts' Committee to consider the Tanjore Tenants and Pannayals Protection Ordinance which is now before the legislature in the form of a Bill. The Committee, after a thorough discussion of the provisions of the Ordinance, has now brought out its report and placed it before the public.

To determine the quality and quantity of different types of clay useful for ceramic and refractory industries, the Geological Survey of the Union Government will undertake "shallow drilling" of deposits in Madras State, it is learnt. The work will commence in the districts of Chinglepet, Nellore, Malabar and South Kanara.

SANSKRIT PARISHAD

The forthcoming Session of the Sanskrit Vishva Parishad—World Academy of Sanskrit—is to be held in Banaras on November 15 and 16, 1952.

It will review the position of Sanskrit in modern India, and devise ways and means of giving Sanskrit its proper place in the life of the country. It is proposed to discuss a large number of questions relating to Sanskrit at the Banaras Session: the place of Sanskrit in the primary, secondary and University stages of education; the assistance given by Central and State Governments to Sanskritic studies; the opening up of all the Government and semi-Government services to those who have gone through the traditional system of Sanskrit education; the advancement of research in Sanskrit and Indology, etc.

President to Inaugurate

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Republic of India, who is also the President of the Vishva Parishad, will inaugurate the Session. Eminent Sanskrit scholars from all over India will attend the conference. Besides, some of the Ministers—Central as well as States, Vice-Chancellors of various Universities and Heads of leading Oriental Institutions are also expected to participate.

A Reception Committee with Dr. Sampurnanand as Chairman, is in charge of the arrangement in Banaras.

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AROUND THE AIR-PORT

Twenty-six-year-old Tanguturi Suryakumari, Beauty Queen of Madras and Director K. Subramaniam, two members of the film delegation to Hollywood were given a rousing reception at the Madras airport on their return from a triumphant tour of the United States.

For a young actress, Suryakumari seems to have been thrilled with every moment she spent in the United States. She had said that she was completely stupefied after seeing the gigantic marble statue of Abraham Lincoln. I guess, she may soon pass the hat around, for a collection fund for erecting statues of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr. Subramaniam, while agreeing with the South Indian Film Chamber on the wrong selection of the delegates, has said that "the delegation had created an international market for Indian films."

Perhaps Mr. Subramaniam had forgotten that since T. V. had invaded American homes, Indian stories offered great scope for exploiting the American tax-payer's money.

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King Kong Arrives

A very interesting personality in world of wrestling arrived in Madras airport early this week. He is 43-year-old Rumanian born George Zeimes, popularly known as "King Kong"- 6 ft. 400-pound International wrestling champion. "Meet the King" was the only voice heard, as the champion of the mat was introduced by Mr. Razi Mohamed, Interior Decorator, to Mrs. and Mr. Donner of the South Indian Export Company, and lovely Tara Cherian, wife of the Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council, Dr. P. V. Cherian. In the last fifteen years King Kong has visited Madras three times, and this is his fourth visit.

In his own line, King Kong is as great an athlete as Joe Louis ever was in his, but Indian papers normally devote only a few lines to his conquests. King Kong doesn't look a bit like Samson in his street clothes. But when he changes into his fighting togs, he exposes his mighty figure in which nature has hit the Jack-pot.

"All you need for this sport" says King, is "co-ordination, stamina, timing, terrific concentration, and the ability to release a tremendous amount of nervous and physical energy at a given moment. A few muscles also help."

Mr. V. SUNDARAM, Sales Representative of Trans World Airlines, Madras, who left for U.S.A. last week on a familiarization trip of the far flung TWA system from Bombay to Sanfrancisco linking 80 cities.

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Students' Chief

Mlle. Marie-Jeanne de Haller, the lovely Swiss born Associate General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, arrived in Madras early this week by air from Colombo.

She is here to make all preliminary arrangements for the Third World Conference of Xian Youth to be held at Kottayam (Travancore State) between December 11-25. This is to be followed by another conference at the Madras Xian College at Tambaram, between Dec. 29-Jan. 5. Over 100 overseas student delegates are expected to attend this conference.

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Sugarcane Expert

Mr. Reenick, a sugarcane expert from the FAO on loan to India Government passed through Madras last week on his way to Colombo, to take up an assignment with the Ceylon Government and advise it on methods of stepping up sugar production.

Mr. Reenick first came to India in 1933 as a Chief Chemist to one of the sugar factories in India. He said that better irrigation facilities, proper knowledge of soil and better utilisation of organic manure are essential for proper growth of the sugarcane.

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For Pondicherry

Mr. Alfred Jacobson, Member of the French Overseas Territories Parliamentary Assembly, who was on a 'voyage of information-tour of the world,' arrived here last week by air from Calcutta, en route to Pondicherry. Earlier two other French Consular officials had arrived from Delhi and Calcutta.

Probably all the officials are going to Pondicherry to have a 'pow wow' about the future of French India settlements.

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Back From Holiday

Mrs. and Mr. Steenstrup, General Manager of Larsen and Tubro, Agricultural firm of Madras, returned to Madras after 6 months holiday in Denmark with their new-born babe. While Mrs. Steenstrup was confined in Denmark, Mr. Steenstrup left on a whirlwind tour of the United States to study business conditions.

They were met on arrival by a large gathering of friends. They were also profusely garlanded.—R.

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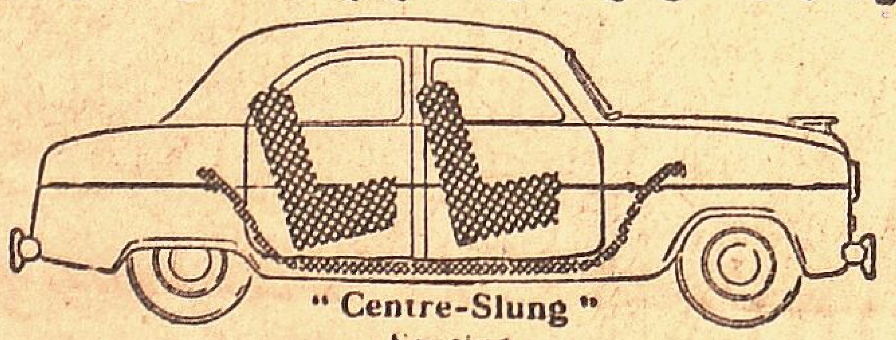

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TO IMPROVE DRAMATIC ART

Bombay Government's Scheme: Film On Music: Pak Ban On Indian Films: News & Notes

Representations have been received from time to time from various quarters suggesting that with a view to reviving and encouraging dramatic art, the Bombay Government should exempt dramatic performances from payment of entertainment duty; and if that were not possible at least substantially reduce the entertainment duty leviable in respect of dramatic performances, writes the "People's Raj," Bombay. The Government has given very careful consideration to these suggestions.

As exemption or substantial reduction of entertainment duty generally would mean encouraging all dramas irrespective of the artistic quality of the performances or the social purpose they subserve, the Bombay Government has decided to frame a scheme under which an amount approximately equal to the entertainment duty realised from dramatic performances will be set apart every year (i) for encouraging the writing and performance of good dramas by giving suitable rewards to dramatists, actors, etc., and (ii) for constructing State theatres at a few places so that they may be made available to dramatic and other performances at reasonable rent. The details of this scheme will be announced shortly.

The Government will continue to exempt from entertainment duty dramatic performances the takings of which are used for charitable and educational purposes.

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On Music

A full-length film on music, featuring a demonstrative interview on music by Lata Mangeshkar, well-known playback singer, will be released in Bombay on December 14. Mr. G. S. Bajpai, Governor of Bombay, will preside over the premiere.

Lata Mangeshkar has invited questions on music which members of the public would like her to answer in the film. Questions may be sent to her on the following address: C/o. "Topie," 24-B, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay.

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Pakistan's Fiat

The Pakistan Government have decided to stop import of Indian films into West Pakistan with immediate effect. Government officials said this decision had been taken on the recommendations of the Film Advisory Committee which met at Karachi last month and on their assurance that if given protection against Indian films, the local industry could meet the country's demands for films "very soon."

Officials said import of Indian films into East Pakistan was to continue for "a short period" but ultimately Indian films would be banned in the Eastern wing of the country also.

This step is expected to provide a fillip to local industry which has been suffering from competition with Indian films.

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"Baiju Bawara"

Prakash's "Baiju Bawara," which opens this week, at the Star in the city, is an interesting picture. The story concerns Baiju who defeated Tansen in a musical contest. As Baiju, Bharat Bhusan gives a sensitive portrayal. Meenakumari as Gauri, the girl Baiju loves, looks charming. Highlighted by Kanu Desai's art direction, it is directed by Vijay Bhat.

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Ranjan As Examiner

Ranjan, has recently been appointed as the examiner for the Madras Government Technical Examinations in dancing—Bharat Natya and Kathakali.

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Exempted from Tax

The Government of Bombay has directed that all the shows of "Ekachapyala," "Vidyaharan," "Deewar," "Fathan," "Ghaddar," "Kalakar" and "Ahooti' by whomsoever they may be performed should be exempted from the payment of entertainment duty.

The exemption regarding the entertainment duty in regard to the shows of "Vidyaharan" and "Ekachapyala" is up to July 31, 1953.

However, this exemption will not apply to the shows which are held in aid of the funds and institutions which are not eligible for, or entitled to, any financial assistance from the State.

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"Spellbound" in Hindi

Jayant Desai's "Miss Mala" featuring Vyjayanthimala in the lead, is said to be an adaptation of Selznick's "Spellbound" starring Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck and directed by that master of suspense, Alfred Hitchcock.

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"Nam Kulandai"

Director K. S. Gopalakrishnan's "Nam Kulandai" is progressing at Narsu Studios. Nagiah, Lalitha, Padmini and Ragini are in the cast.

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"Gumastha"

Aruna's "Gumastha" featuring Nagiah and Jayamma in the lead is to be released shortly. Prominent in support are Manohar, K. Ramasami, Narasimha Bharathi and M. Saroja. Directed by R. M. Krishnaswami, it is made in Tamil and Telugu.

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"Ulagam"

Society Pictures have titled their maiden production as "Prapancham" (Telugu) and "Ulagam" (Tamil). The story and dialogues of he picture are by Moonas, who is also the producer.

"GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH"

Cecil D. Mille's "Greatest Show On Earth" featuring Cornel Wilde, Betty Hutton, James Stewart and Dorthy Lamour, enters second week at the New Elphinstone.

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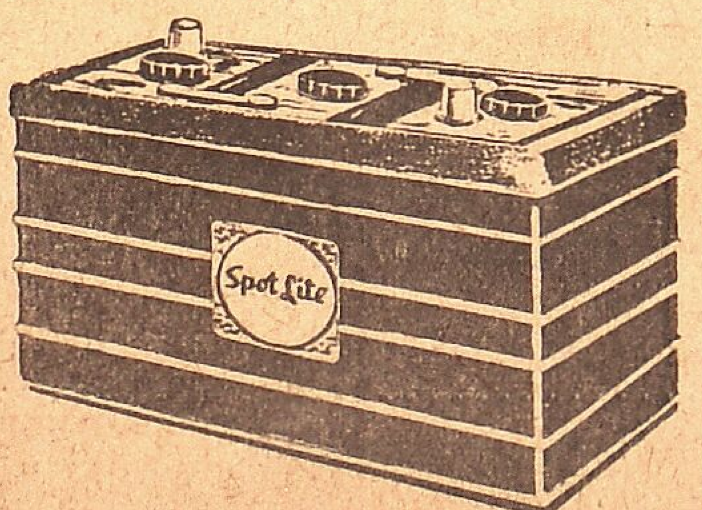

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2. Some psychologists are of the opinion that female children like their———more.
3. A monotonous———makes one easily exhausted.
4. Nowadays people are not so particular in looking after their———as their forefathers did in olden days.
5. Politicians who suddenly rise to prosperity and fame are sometimes very much———in their circle.
6. A policeman investigating a case generally tries to ———the culprit.
7. It is very rarely that highly educated lads instead of seeking Government jobs want to work in a———
8. At times, when we think of the Doctor's———we do not want to have any medical treatment at all.
9. Men of experience would not like to enter into an argument with their———
10. People who do not want to worry themselves about their things would keep them in———place.
11. ———Behold!
12. People who go to cinemas for entertainment would not like pictures ending in———.

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TOMATOES EVERY DAY

(By Waldemar Schweisheimer, M.D.)

The tomato, rich in vitamins and minerals, is a valuable supplement to your diet.

Tomatoes are a classical example of the fact that knowledge of nutrition is more and more influencing people's choice of foods. The consumption of tomato juice in the United States has increased from about zero to many million boxes within a comparatively few years, and this experience shows the influence of better knowledge. For tomato juices are consumed mainly because people want to be healthy and are striving to take in pure vitamins.

Valuable Supplement

The tomato originally was grown in Peru, and Spaniards and Portuguese explorers brought the 'tamati' to Europe from South America in the sixteenth century.

The tomato is a wholesome food, and because of its rich vitamin and mineral content it is a valuable supplement to any diet. In Italy especially it is used as a supplement to the favourite dishes of macaroni and spaghetti. In Spain and the southern part of France it is used with the popular beans.

Unpopular At First

When tomatoes were first introduced into Europe, they were highly unpopular. They were looked upon as poisonous "love apples." Actually tomatoes are the edible fruit of Lycopersicon esculentum, a plant of the nightshade family, related to the potato and the brinjal. This plant family contains several poisonous members, and that is why such suspicion struck the innocent tomato. In reality the tomato is a fruit though it is commonly treated as a vegetable.

Token of Love!

In England, during the seventeenth century, tomatoes were grown exclusively for their decorative, ornamental appearance. The really gallant young blade of this time delivered a growing tomato plant to wife or sweethearts as a token of his love. Sir Walter Raleigh brought an exotic specimen of the plant grown on Roanoke Island, off North Carolina, to Queen Elizabeth. Tomatoes were a very popular food in Dickens' time.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, the tomato was re-imported into its native America. Now it ranks third among the vegetable crops of the United States. Early in the nineteenth century an artist, a painter of naval battles, decided to find out whether the tomato had any value as a food. Against the advice of his well-meaning friends, he dared to eat a tomato. To their surprise, he survived. From then on the tomato lost its fame as a poison and rapidly grew in popularity

Yellow Variety

The question has been discussed as to whether yellow tomatoes are sweeter and better than red tomatoes. In many countries the yellow tomato is unknown, but where it is grown, people are usually very enthusiastic about its taste. The yellow tomato has never reached a wide public. Most people think it is an unripe fruit, but actually it is another form. Yellow and red tomatoes mixed in the salad bowl are very attractive.

Dissolving Stones!

Tomatoes in every way play a continually increasing role as a daily food, as well as in the diet of sick persons. Their usefulness has been proved even in cases of gout, which is contrary to a former belief that they should be excluded from the diet of gouty persons.

Tomatoes, as well as cucumbers and melons, are considered by some physicians as a means of dissolving uric acid stones and gravel in the body. However, we cannot actually believe that kidney stones and gravel are being dissolved by dietetic measures.

Dr. MORITZ RINGER of Vienna (left), inventor of the "everlasting match"—to suppress which he was paid a big sum by a match manufacturer — has now produced the "everlasting cigarette." The cigarette stays alight but does not burn unless it is puffed. The processing of the tobacco removes all harmful properties, and when the unfinished cigarette is thrown away, it cannot start a fire.—P.P.A.

Fresh Juice

Tomatoes have been permitted without restriction to diabetic patients whose daily diet has still to be restricted to a certain degree even though they may be regular users of insulin. They are valuable also for patients suffering from chronic kidney diseases. This is a fact about which doctors were rather doubtful in former times.

Freshly extracted tomato juice is given to patients suffering from peptic ulcer, provided they like it. In cases where a raw-fruit diet is desired or prescribed tomatoes are of great value.

Rich in Vitamins

Tomatoes are rich in several vitamins. Tomatoes are one of the richest sources of vitamin C, which should be given to the body in fresh condition every day. Both ripe and green tomatoes have a large content of vitamin C, and fortunately canned tomatoes are not much less rich in this vitamin than the fresh.

It is estimated that the daily amount of vitamin C which a man must have to protect him from scurvy is about the amount contained in one ounce of canned tomatoes. Scurvy was a widespread disease in ancient times and during the Middle Ages. Its real cause, vitamin C deficiency, was not discovered until the twentieth century. Manifest scurvy is rare now, particularly among children, since at an early age they get tomato juices, citrus juices, and other anti-scorbutic foods.

Wholesome Habit

Tomatoes also contain vitamin A, which is frequently not found in some cheap forms of diet. They contain, furthermore, vitamin B, besides copper, iron, manganese, magnesium, phosphorus, calcium, potassium, and sulpher.

The custom of taking a glass of fruit juice before breakfast or with breakfast, as well as with other meals, is a very wholesome one. Many people prefer a glass of tomato juice to fruit juice, as they consider the latter too sweet. For many years now tomato juice has been given as a regular part of a baby's diet.

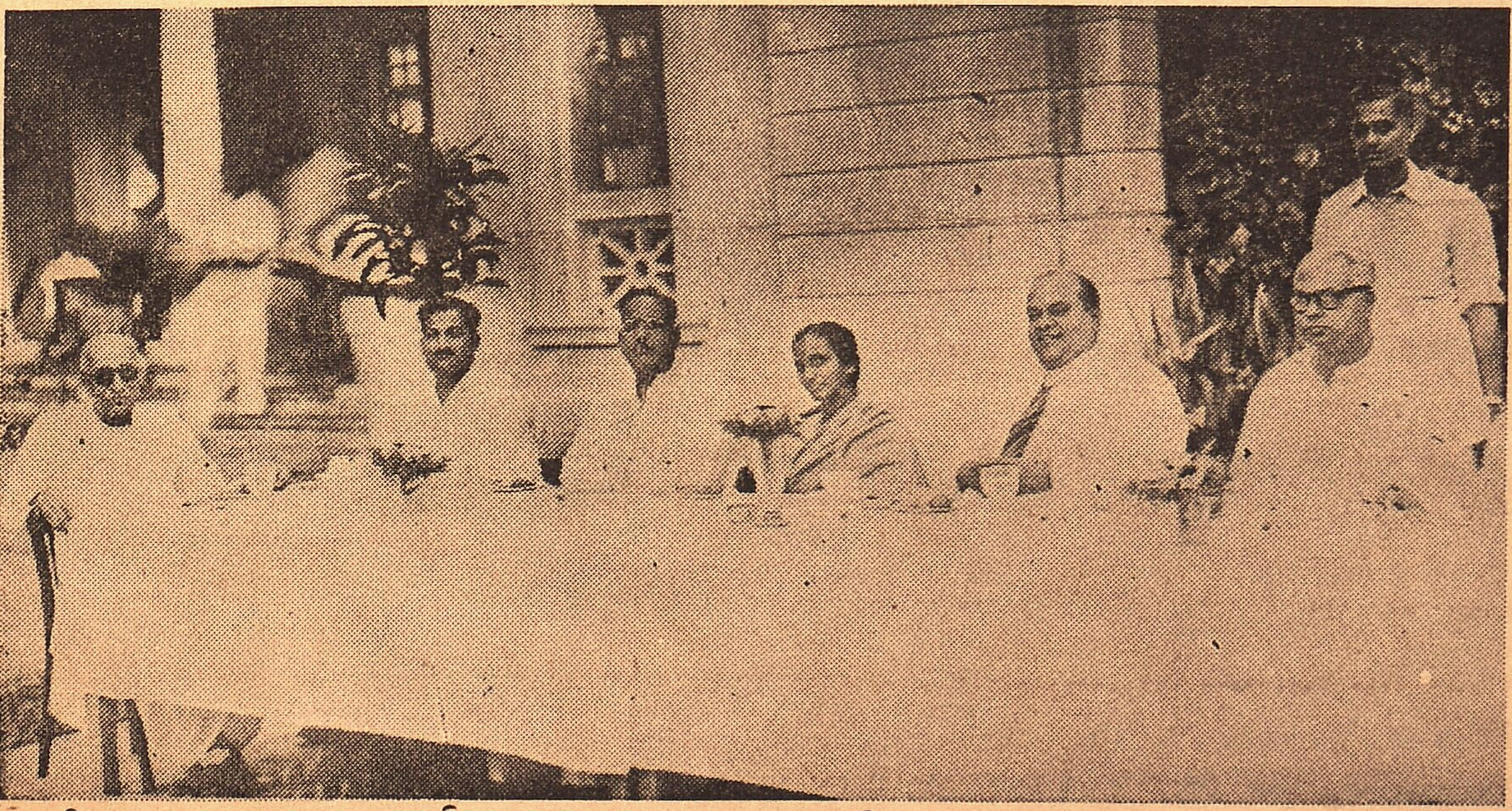
Cooked spinach and canned tomatoes are approximately of equal value as sources of iron in the child's diet, according to new research work carried out by Dr. Tisdall. This is so despite the fact that the total iron content of spinach is more than five times greater than that of tomatoes. In spinach there are 25.5 parts of iron for each million of the edible portion; the comparable figure in tomatoes is 4.4.

Spinach, although it contains seven to eight times more calcium than the tomato, actually tends to produce a negative calcium balance. On the other hand, the retention of calcium in cooked tomatoes is excellent. And calcium is most importent for children's growth.

Yet To Reach Peak

Although the vitamin A content of boiled spinach is four times as great as that of canned tomatoes, the vitamin B content of spinach is only half that of tomatoes; and the vitamin C content of spinach is less than a quarter of that of canned tomatoes.

There is no doubt that the popularity of the tomato in whatever form used, whether cooked or stewed or used as salad, sauce, or juice, has not yet reached its peak.—"Oriental Watchman."



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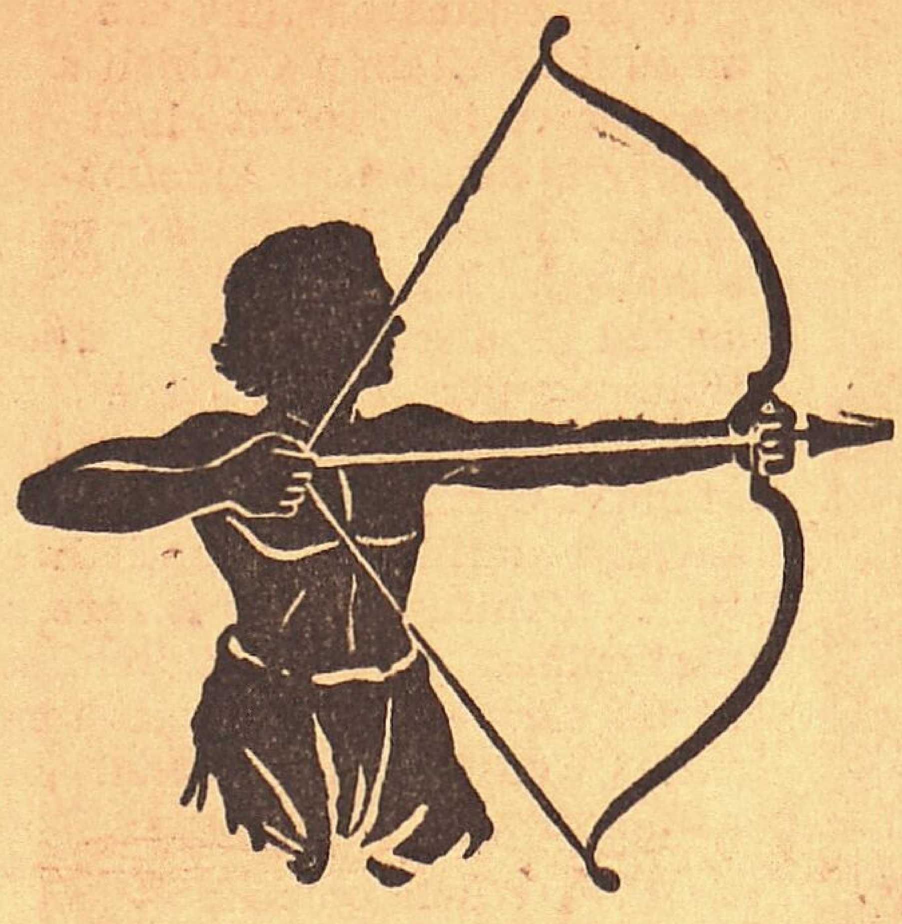

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1. If this had not been invented, it is doubtful if knowledge would have spread.
2. A businessman always intent on making money usually does not enjoy———
3. Cultured people hate this kind of talk.
4. It is not unusual for a coward to become this when he is in danger.
5. A man with superiority complex would not like his ———pointed out.
6. Some executives who are not really clever, try to create an impression on their subordinates by appearing very———
7. It is no wonder an establishment in which workers are———even for very small mistakes does not prosper.
8. We cannot expect a merciless dictator to———
9. If a person's accounts are———he need not fear the Income Tax authorities.
10. In ancient days business was generally done on this basis.
11. Is there a man who will not fight for his dear———?
12. A fever coming in periodical fits.

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0-4-0 DIAGRAM I

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Coaxing Clouds To Yield Rain!

CALCUTTA EXPERT'S EXPERIMENT

SIMPLE CONTRAPTION

A white-haired man whose enthusiasm age has not dimmed is wooing the clouds from his laboratories at Jadavpur, near Calcutta, writes D. L. Dutt in the "American Reporter."

The pioneer, whose successful experiments may show the way to developing low-cost methods to avert droughts and food famines, is Dr. S. K. Banerjee, Professor of Mathematics at the Jadavpur College of Engineering and Technology.

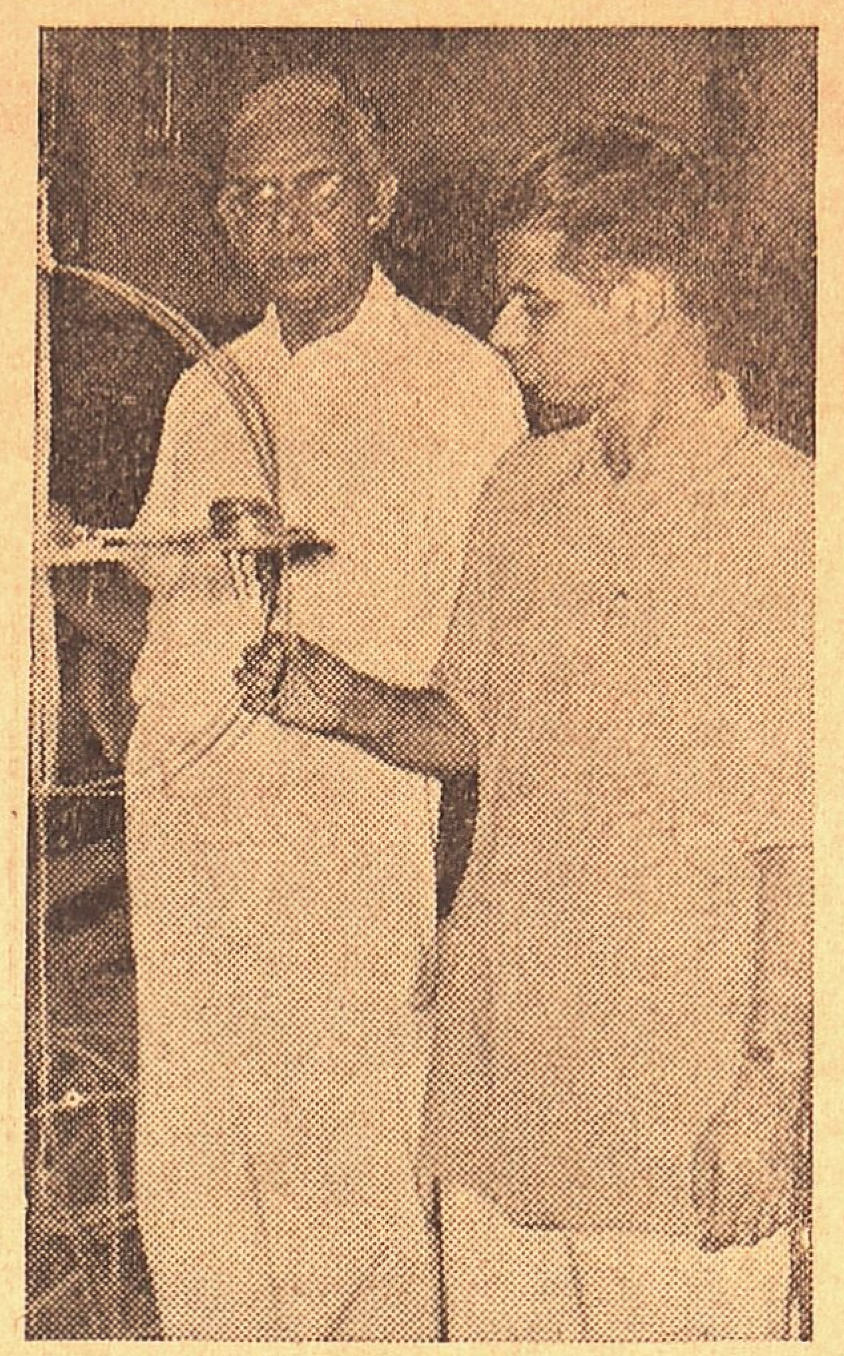
Cheap Balloons

With Dr. Banerjee rain-coaxing has been an old passion. As Director-General of India's Observatories, before his retirement he had carried on such experiments with the assistance of Air-Commodore Mehar Singh of the Indian Air Force. On two occasions then, solid carbondioxide pellets dropped on the clouds from IAF aircraft flying at high altitudes had produced rain.

The cost of rain-making with the help of planes is, however, too high—almost prohibitive—to be of use for any large-scale practical campaign. So Dr. Banerjee is using in his experiments hydrogen-filled balloons costing Rs. 25 each. To each balloon he sends up is attached securely by means of a string, 25 feet long, a specially designed bamboo contraption which would introduce into the clouds at the required level the particular elements needed to produce rain.

Bamboo Contraption

When the balloon has to meet clouds above the freezing level, an aluminium box with a hinged shutter and containing about two pounds of carbon-dioxide pellets, as well as another box containing gun-powder



EXAMINING APPARATUS: The white-haired Dr. S. K. Banerjee (left), former Director-General of India's Observatories and currently Professor of Mathematics at the Jadavpur College of Engineering and Technology, examines one of the bamboo contraptions in his laboratory.

impregnated with silver iodide, is fitted to the bamboo framework. As the balloon reaches the clouds above the freezing level, approximately 22,000 feet, an automatic time fuse releases the shutter of the hinged box and the carbon-dioxide pellets are dropped into the clouds. At the same time, the gunpowder explodes and injects silver iodide smoke into the air.

The bamboo contraption is fitted with three inverted glass bottles containing ice cold water, each provided with four nozzles, to spray the water on the clouds, when the balloon encounters clouds below the freezing level.

Encouraging

It is only when isolated low-lying clouds cover about three-quarters of the sky or when cumulo-nimbus clouds which are

SHOWERS AFTER SUNSHINE

SUCCESSFUL RESULTS

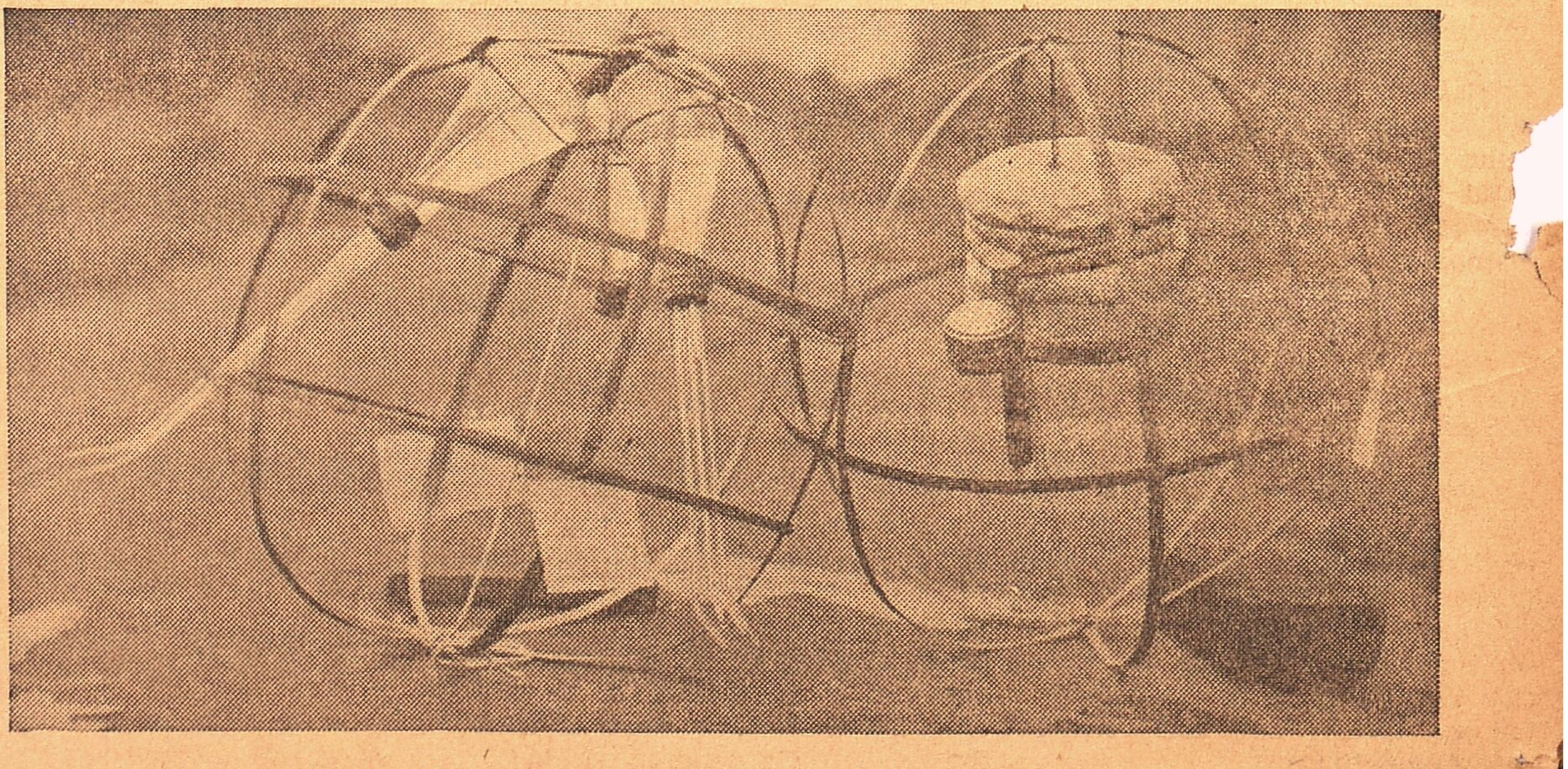
not expected to develop into a full-fledged rain-producing thunderstorm that balloons are released. The results of the experiments during the last three months or so have been encouraging and interesting.

Dr. Banerjee's latest "remarkable" experiment was made on August 5, during a short break in the monsoon rains. A cumulo-nimbus cloud formed on the south of the Engineering College at Jadavpur. With its top tending to develop into an anvil, consisting of ice particles, the cloud came over the College at about 4-30 p.m. Two balloons, each equipped with two pounds of solid carbon-dioxide and two blocks of gunpowder impregnated with silver iodide, were released quickly, and the cloud dissipated within 20 minutes of the time the balloons entered the atmosphere.

Heavy Downpour!

This, according to the professor, agrees with the observations made by scientists in the United States that when carbon-dioxide is dropped on a cloud the top of which is made up of ice particles the cloud dissipates. In the present case, large quantities of carbon-dioxide and silver iodide nuclei were left in the air. Next morning, bright sunshine appeared but clouds began to gather as the day advanced. By 10-30 a.m. there was a dark canopy of clouds overhead followed by a heavy downpour for two hours, resulting in 2.5 inches of rain.

Dr. Banerjee is not prepared to comment on the final outcome of his experiments until he has been able to release at least 100 balloons. But his face reflects great enthusiasm as he speaks about it.



BAMBOO FRAMEWORK: The bamboo contraption is fitted with three inverted glass bottles (left) containing ice cold water, each provided with four nozzles, to spray the water on the clouds when the balloon encounters clouds below the freezing level. An aluminium box (right) containing gunpowder impregnated with silver iodide and another box with about two pounds of carbon-dioxide pellets are fitted to the bamboo framework to be released into clouds.

HIMALAYAN SNOWMAN!

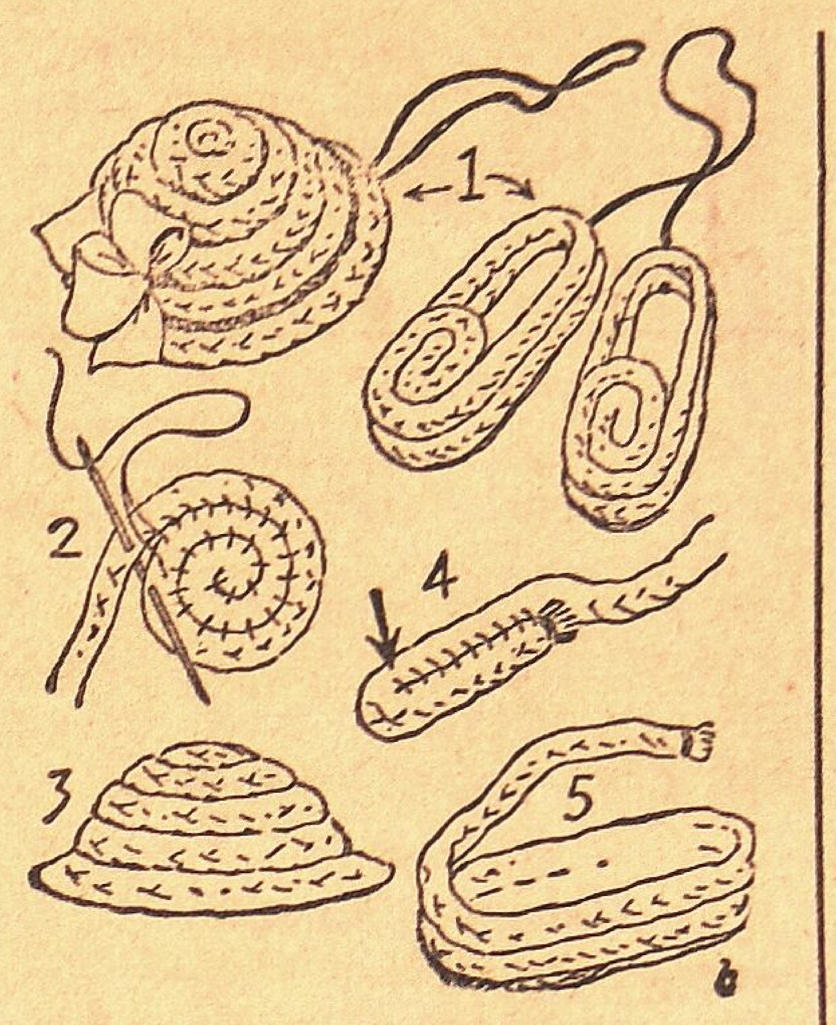
For many years the people in the Himalayan region and Tibet have talked about some gigantic creatures looking like human beings, who were supposed to live high up in the snow-fields in the mountains. Strangers who heard about "the terrible snow-man" believed him to be a figment of the mind, and they believed this until 1937. That year an expedition of mountaineers returned from Mount Everest with photographs of some very large foot-prints. The members of the expedition thought the foot-prints must be that of the notorious "snow-man."

This year an expedition from Switzerland has not only taken photographs of the foot-prints, but they have also carefully examined them. Through tests they have ascertained that whoever has made the prints must weigh 50 to 60 kg. (1cwt. or a little more), so it has not been a giant after all.

Exciting

Maybe the "Snow-man" is some sort of a bear—he seems to be a four-legged animal, living in parties of five or six. Nobody has seen the "Snow-man" so far, but the prints have been found more than 5,000 meters (15,000 feet) up in the snow. It is almost impossible for human beings to pursue them, as they can move very fast in the thin air in the mountains. Human beings, on the other hand, get dizzy and feel sick at the slightest effort, they must stop at every step and draw breath 2 to 3 times. Granted that modern mountaineers are equipped with oxygen-masks, but the weight of these neutralise the easy breathing which should be obtained through he use of the mask.

Nevertheless, it will be very exciting when one day an expedition succeeds in meeting the fellow and in taking home photographs of the mysterious terrible "Snow-man."



GEWGAWS FROM RAFIA

The height of fashion this year, was to wear tiny things which hang from the belt, the collar or a pocket. In fig. 1 you see a pair of little shoes and a hat, which you can make yourselves at the cost of a few pennies. Make a tight braid of 3 x 2 thin threads of rafia, which is used for fastening up plants. Moisten the threads a little while before you start. For the hat a braid of 15¾" (40 cm is used. Tie both ends with thread. Roll one end into a spiral as shown in fig. 2. Sew round and round with ordinary thread until all the braid has been used. At the beginning tighten the sewing so much that the crown is shaped, the last round forms the brim of the hat. Sew it on so that it is lying downwards compared with the crown (see fig. 3). Fasten the end of the braid on the wrong side. Sew on a little ribbon, a bow or a fabric flower as adornment. Sew a piece of coloured ribbon to the hat and fasten it to a small, golden safety-pin.

Good Idea

For each of the shoes, use about 11¾" (30 cm) of braid. First sew the sole. Place the braid flatly as shown in fig. 4. Join the two edges of the braid, using ordinary thread, start as shown in the drawing. Sew the next two rounds of the braid vertically on top of the sole—and you have a little oblong basket, (fig. 5). The upper part of the shoe is formed into a spiral, as you see in the drawing. Hide the end of the braid inside the shoe. From a piece of thin, red felt you can cut two tiny little soles and glue inside the shoes. Thread a needle with coloured thread, insert needle from the inside through the back of one shoe and from the outside through the back on the other shoe. Take away the needle and make a knot on the thread. The shoes are then ready to be put on the safety-pin.

If you have plenty of rafia it might be a good idea to make these things big enough to fit one of your dolls.

THE LIFE OF LOUIS PASTEUR

5. Just at the time Pasteur was most happy, his Mother died. It happened so suddenly, that he did not even get a chance to say good-bye to her. He was so broken-hearted that he could not work, and for weeks he just sat quietly, absorbed in his grief.

But his old professor had learned of his successful chemical experiment. He came to town to see how Pasteur did it, and it was a great moment for the young man when his professor embraced him and exclaimed: "My child, I love science dearly, but this certainly makes my heart beat fast." He was not in the slightest bit jealous, in spite of the fact that he had in vain worked on the same experiment for 30 years.

6. Shortly afterwards Pasteur became professor at the University in Strasbourg. One day he was invited to a dinner at the Vice-Chancellor's house, and he immediately fell in love with the Vice-Chancellor's daughter. A fortnight later they became engaged and in the course of four months they were married.

On his wedding-day Pasteur wanted to spend the waiting time in his laboratory, and then it happened that he became occupied with some interesting experiments. He forgot all about his wedding. Fortunately, his friends found him, and he just managed to get dressed at the last moment. The marriage was very happy and Pasteur's wife helped him.

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"Trumpeter, too!" muttered a junicr subaltern.

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Not Always

"Darling do you really love me?"

"You know I do, pet."

"And do you think of me all the time?"

"Not at street crossing, darling."

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Too Bushy

Customer: Are you the fellow who cut my hair last time?

Barber: I don't think so. I've only been here a year.

Right Choice

Mother had bought father a new tie. "I wonder what would go best with it?" she said coyly, as she held it up.

Father eyed the violent-coloured horror and replied, briefly: "A beard!"

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Retort

"Do you have fits of giddiness?" a doctor asked a middle-aged, stern-looking woman.

"No, I don't," came the snappy retort. "I'm a respectable married woman."

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At Her Feet!

Jones: The first time Jim set eyes on her he fell right down at her feet.

Bones: In a burst of love?

Jones: No, on a banana peel.

Rama: "My left hand itches."
Krishna: "That means you are going to receive money."
Rama: "Good! Lend me five rupees.

Cause and Effect

"Mavis danced last night with a young Frenchman who cannot speak English."

"How quaint!"

"Very! This morning she bought a French dictionary and tonight she's going to slap his face."

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Cross Examination

"'Why don't you wash your face? I can see what you had for breakfast this morning."

"What was it?"

"Eggs"

"Wrong teacher. That was yesterday."

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Indebted!

"Why are you going to marry that hard-up lodger of yours? What on earth are you going to live on?"

"We'll be alright, Mrs. Flynn. The poor fellow owes me enough to keep us in comfort for years."

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Four Figures!

Clerk: I heard his salary goes into four figures.

Secretary: Yeah, his wife and three children.

The Pests

Landlord: How do you like this apartment?

Prospective Tenant: The apartment is nice, but I don't like all the mice in here.

Landlord: Well you just pick out the ones you like, and I'll kill all the rest.

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Diagnosis

Smith: Your wife has aged in the past few weeks. I notice that her hair has some gray in it. What does that mean?

Jones: It means she hasn't been to the beauty parlor in a couple of weeks.

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Not Exactly Wooden

Tommy: My mom went shopping to buy me some wooden clothes.

Janie: That's impossible, there are no wooden clothes.

Tommy: Well, she said she was going to buy me a lumber jacket.

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Not Necessary

Jones: Today's my birthday. Should I go out and shoot a duck so we can celebrate?

Bones: Naw, why punish a duck for something that happened so many years ago?

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Blaming Others

Shoe Shine Boy: Your shoes need shining badly.

Passerby: No. They need to be shined well. You shined them badly last time.

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Ignorant

Woman: I'd like to take out one of the current novels.

Librarian: I'm sorry, but none of the novels we have deals with electricity.

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Plan With The Planets

in the body may upset your metabolism. Loss of blood is another chance. If you are a salesman you may find your efforts not fructifying to your extreme annoyance. Knowing the influences it behoves you to adjust your life to the influence, although not in meek submission.

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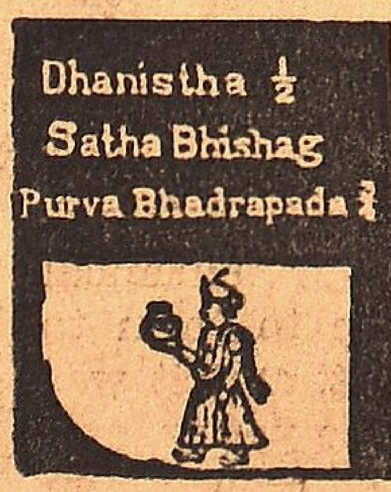
KUMBHA—(AQUARIUS)

In your case the planets indicate a mixed state of affairs for the immediate future. On the one hand I see that you will be financially better off. Businessmen may be prepared to have better returns. Achievement of desires. Purchase or gain of some jewels or artistic materials. On the other I see that you may be injured in the leg, if you are running a malefic dasa and bhukti. Alternatively you will have to take particular care of your eyes. Your hidden enemies seem to up and doing you a bad turn. The first half will be comparatively helpful in the matter of domestic happiness.



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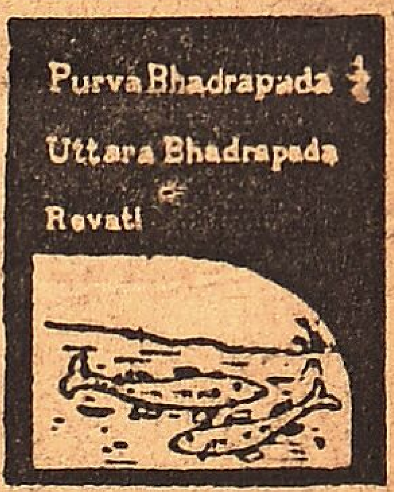
MEENA—(PISCES)

Sunday is apt to give you some anxiety over children. The next 3 days will be better. Domestic happiness and financial ease are indicated. This is the best time for business arrears to be tackled like collection of dues and the like. The following 2 days are likely to cause inconvenience on the domestic side. Some of you have to send your people away or get separated for the time being. The rest of the week for the most part is unhelpful. But the undercurrent of influence for the week ahead is quite good. I see that you benefit on your profession and also gain.



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WHILE PROWLING OUTSIDE THE MYSTERIOUS PALACE OF GOLD, THE APE-MAN LEARNED OF HIS BETRAYAL BY THE GOMANGANI -- NANCY BROOKS HAD BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE!
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LATER, UNDER THE NIGHT'S PROTECTIVE SHADOWS, TARZAN CREPT INSIDE THE PALACE; BUT A SENTRY GUARDED THE MAIN CORRIDOR.
CATLIKE, THE APE-MAN POUNCED ON THE GUARD. "SPARE ME!" PLEADED THE NATIVE. "I CAN TELL YOU WHERE THE WOMAN IS!" -- "VERY WELL," SAID TARZAN. "BUT ANY TRICKS, AND YOU DIE!" THE NATIVE POINTED A TREMBLING FINGER --
-- "THROUGH THAT PORTAL!" SENSING DANGER, TARZAN HESITATED; BUT WITH A QUICK THRUST OF HIS STAFF, THE DECEITFUL SENTRY TOPPLED HIM PAST THE CURTAIN --
BOB Lubbers and DICK VAN BUREN
-- WHERE HE IMMEDIATELY PLUNGED DOWNWARD, VICTIM OF A CRUDE BUT EFFICIENT TRAP!
THEN, FROM A CORNER OF THE DUNGEON, HE HEARD A WARNING GROWL. THE APE-MAN SQUINTED -- THERE, CROUCHED AND SNARLING LIKE A BEAST, WAS A WHITE MAN!
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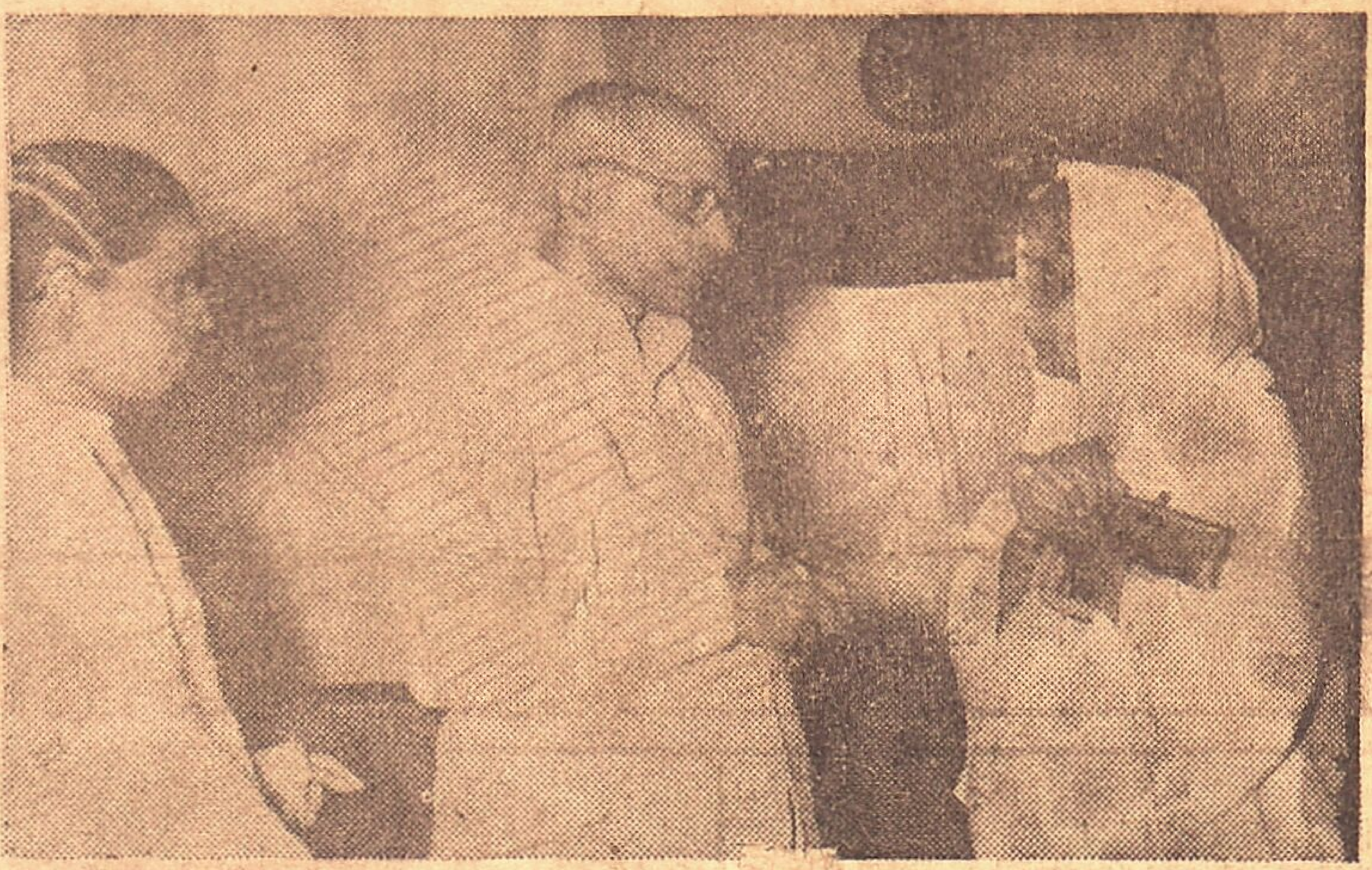
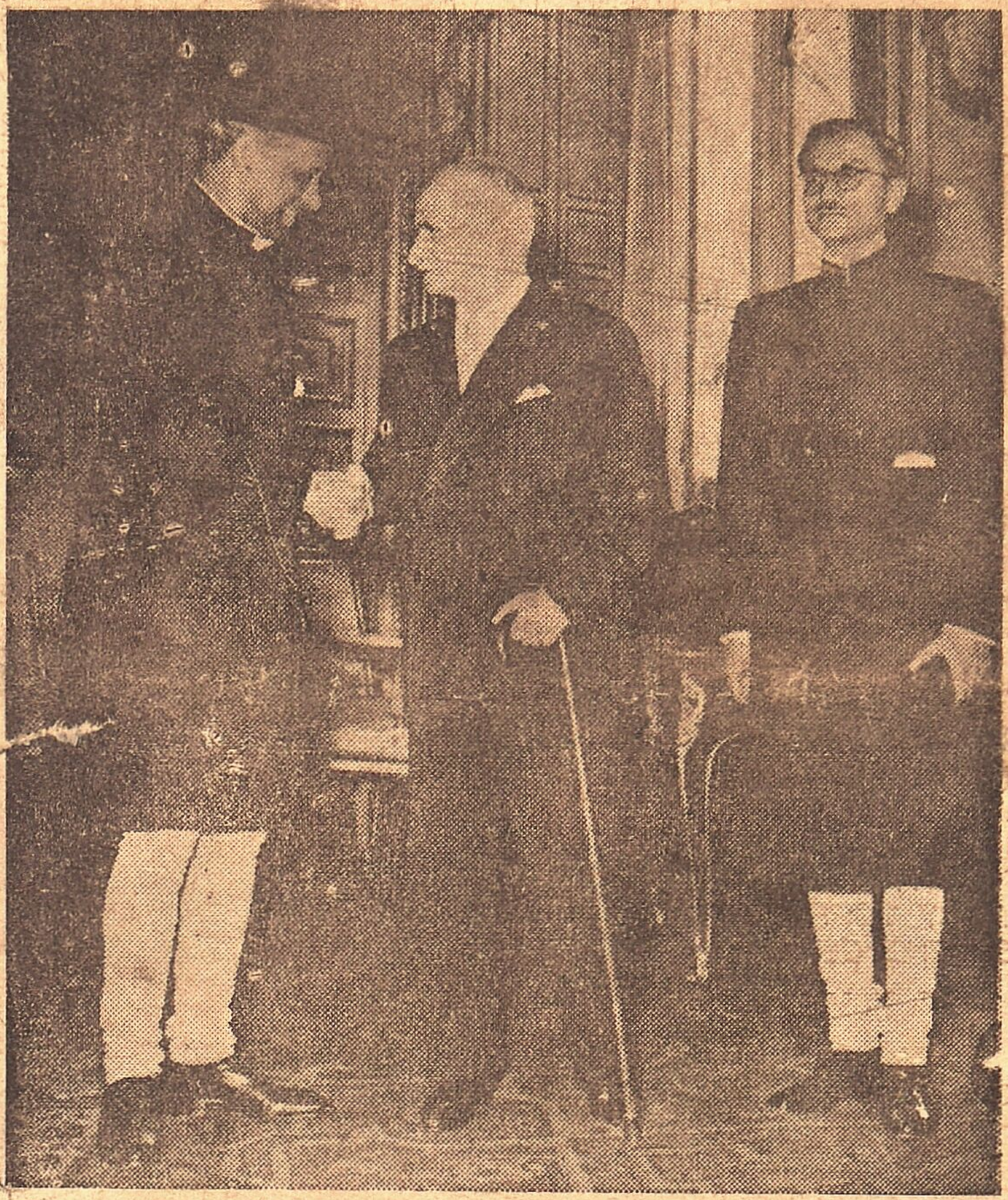


RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR, who inaugurated the Up-Graded Departments of Medical Institutions in Madras, snapped with Sri A. B. Shetty and Srimathi Maragatham Chandrasekharan, on the occasion.—P. C. S.

INDO-FINNISH AGREEMENT. Letters extending the Indo-Finnish trade arrangement for a further period of two years were signed and exchanged in New Delhi recently, by Shri S. Bhoothalingam, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Monsieur M. Kaikkonen, Charge d' Affaires of Finland in India, on behalf of the Governments of India and Finland respectively. Photo shows the letters being formally exchanged.—P. I. B.

Sir M. VISVESVARAYA, being greeted by the Mother Superior of a Convent School, who came to receive a passenger bus presented by Mr. G. D. Naidu to her school in honour of the G. O. M.'s visit to Coimbatore.—K.



Sri B. R. SEN, shaking hands with President Einaudi, after presenting his credentials as Indian Ambassador to Italy.

RAJAJI inaugurating the Chingleput District Political Conference at Poonamallee. Sri P. Natesan, M.P., Sri K. Kamaraj, Srimathi Maragatham Chandrasekaran and Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam are also in the picture.—P. C. S.

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